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OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (100-21286)

FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
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DATE: February 23, 1955

The following written report was furnished to the writer by SF 1604-S on 1/24/55. This report, dated 1/17/55, is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [REDACTED]

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"Report on the Communist Party
Stockton, California
January 17, 1955

"On Thursday evening, January 13, 1955 at about 8:00 PM, HOWARD KEYLOR arrived at the HOWARD THOMPSON home. He stated that the last Regional Meeting had not materialized, 'because he had to work and there had been other difficulties.'

"He said he did not have anything prepared for discussion, so he would just give the THOMPSON's a few facts and a topic could be decided on for discussion the next time he could come out.

"He stated that it is necessary to raise money for an appeal by the 14 Smith Act victims, and the THOMPSON's agreed to contact GREG and MARY BERGMAN, probably through LILIA NOLAND and also to contact the ARTHUR FENNELS and JOHNNY ALEXANDER.

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"He, KEYLOR, asked the THOMPSON's to try to save a little money to be donated to the Communist Party of Alabama and also to keep in mind the circulation drive for the People's World, which will be coming up in the near future.

KEYLOR loaned the THOMPSON's several back copies of Public Affairs, Masses and Mainstream, and the New World Review. He gave them copies of 'The American Way to Jobs, Peace, Equal Rights and Democracy, the Program of the Communist Party,' and several copies of 'A Vital Message to all Americans,' reprinted from the People's World, for distribution. (Copies of the last two mentioned enclosed_)

"The article decided upon for future discussion is from the December '54 issue of Public Affairs and is titled 'The November Elections and the Party Program' -

"KEYLOR stated that he was planning on making a trip to Tracy and Salida on Sunday, January 16, 1955 and he would try to contact JACK and BETTY DODSON."

RECOMMENDATION:

No action recommended.

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SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

The following written report was furnished to the writer by SF 1604-S on February 4, 1955. This report, dated January 30, 1955, is set out verbatim, and the original is maintained in [REDACTED]

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"Report on the Communist Party,
Stockton, California
January 30, 1955

"On the evening of the 28th of January, 1955, LURA and ARTHUR WALTER and LEO KONOPKO were invited to the THOMPSON's for supper. No political discussion of any importance took place.

"At about 8:00 PM, HOWARD KEYLOR arrived and stated to HOWARD THOMPSON that due to a tire blow-out he was unable to come out for the Communist Party meeting on Thursday evening as scheduled. He and THOMPSON retired to another part of the house at which time he gave THOMPSON copies of the People's World and a copy of the statement by the Communist Party concerning an article written by JOHN McMANUS and publicationed in the National Guardian (copy enclosed).

KEYLOR stated that he felt there was a definite need for the Independent Progressive Party. In rebuttal to this, THOMPSON stated that he felt the Independent Progressive Party was presently a very inefficient organization and that the energy and effort expended by the Communist Party membership working within the IPP did not give a fair return. KEYLOR then stated that he felt the Communist Party should have a political party through which they (the Communist Party) could publicize their platform and that he felt there was no chance to do this without a 3rd party controlled by the Communist Party.

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cc: 100-36230 [REDACTED]

100-29506 [REDACTED]

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100-28062 (Cominfil TPP San Joaquin Co.)

100-28334 [REDACTED]

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"KEYLOR asked THOMPSON for his opinion on the relationship between MAY MURRAY, MARVIN MURRAY and the Communist Party, saying that the question had been raised at the Regional Meeting of the Communist Party as to the advisability of allowing MAY MURRAY to continue as a representative because of the blackmail type of tactics which could be used by MARVIN and his wife and for security reasons, but that presently no firm decision has been reached by the Communist Party on this matter. THOMPSON stated that he felt that every precaution should be taken to prevent a recurrence of the stool pigeon tactics of MARVIN MURRAY, and that he felt that it would be up to MAY MURRAY to make the break with MARVIN rather than the Communist Party trying to operate with MAY while this condition exists.

"It was tentatively agreed by HOWARD KEYLOR and HOWARD THOMPSON that the meeting of the Communist Party would be held at the home of the THOMPSON's on Thursday, February 3, 1955, unless KEYLOR worked that night, as he has been working in the Port of Stockton during the day and out of the Longshore Hall at night.

"During his visit at the THOMPSON's, KEYLOR went out of his way to ignore LURA and ARTHUR WALTER.

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No action recommended.

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SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
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The following written report was furnished to the writer by
SF 1604-S on 2/21/55. This report, dated 2/16/55, is set out verbatim
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"Report on the Communist Party
Stockton, California
February 16, 1955"

"On Thursday evening February 10, 1955, Howard Keylor arrived
at the Howard Thompson home at about 5:30 PM. He stated that he had
to work that evening out of the Longshore Hall so he would be unable
to hold a meeting.

"Howard Keylor loaned Howard Thompson \$3.50 to pay his subscription
to the Daily People's World so that the area might meet their goal of 5
new subscriptions in the present circulation drive.

"Howard Keylor said the Communist Party Club in Stanislaus
County had been worried about Mae Murray and her situation with her son
Marvin. A meeting had been scheduled on February 5th with Virgil Cole, but
Cole had been unable to attend so the Club had decided that May should be
relieved of her duties as messenger for Stanislaus area, but that she would
not be dropped from the Club and its activities.

"The Thompson's agreed to a meeting with Howard Keylor on
Monday evening, February 14th."

/s/ [redacted]

No action recommended.

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cc: 100-26388 (CP ACTIVITIES, STANISLAUS COUNTY)

100-29586 [redacted]

100-28321 [redacted]

100-36025 [redacted]

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SAC (100-22866)

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SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
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"Report on the Communist Party"
Stockton, California
February 16, 1955"

"Howard Keylor arrived at the Howard Thompson home on Monday, February 14, 1955 at 7:30 PM to hold a Communist Party meeting.

"During the meeting a discussion was held on the Formosa situation, various aspects of the last election, the possibility of a third political party, and where the Thompsons should center their activities since the Independent Progressive Party is no longer active. It was decided that they should make an effort to get into the Democratic Club in the Lathrop area.

"Howard Keylor said he has to go to San Francisco for a Regional meeting on Sunday, February 20, 1955.

"Howard Keylor said he had received a letter from Leo Barroway asking why there had been so little activity for the People's World in this area. After some discussion it was decided that a spaghetti dinner will be held at 2:00 PM, Sunday February 27th at the Thompson's, to which all area subscribers of the People's World will be invited and a meeting will be held with a representative of the paper from San Francisco. At this meeting an effort will be made to organize some type activity to promote the paper in this area.

"The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday evening, February 24th.

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"Keylor said he had received notice to appear for his Coast Guard screening so he was going to seek the advice of an attorney while he was in San Francisco."

/s/ [redacted]

No action recommended.

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cc: 100-28602 J (CONTINUED. IPP. SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY)

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(SF 1604-S)

OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (100-21286)

FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
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DATE: March 8, 1955

The following written report was furnished to the writer by SF 1604-S on February 28, 1955. This report, dated February 26, 1955, is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [REDACTED]

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"Report on the Communist Party
"Stockton, California
"February 26, 1955

"On Thursday evening February 24, 1955, HOWARD KEYLOR arrived at the HOWARD THOMPSON home at about 7:45 PM for a Communist Party meeting. Those attending were HOWARD KEYLOR and HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON.

"HOWARD KEYLOR said he had attended the Regional meeting in San Francisco on Sunday, February 20th and that three state officers were present.

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ccs: 100-29506 [REDACTED]
100- [REDACTED] (Calif. Emer. Defense Committee)

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"The first point on the agenda was a report by KEYLOR on the fund drive for the California Emergency Defense Committee for the appeal for the 14 Communists who were convicted. He stated he had been out the night before and had collected \$12.00 toward the San Joaquin County goal of 75.00. He expects WALTER STACK to be in the area this coming Sunday, February 27th, to assist him in raising funds. The THOMPSONs said they would make an effort to go to LEILA NOLAND's and to also see the BERGMANs for a donation.

"The next subject discussed was the circulation drive for the People's World. KEYLOR said the meeting and spaghetti dinner scheduled to be held at the THOMPSON's on February 27th will have to be held on Sunday, March 6th because the representative of the People's World can not come on the 27th.

"The third point brought up for discussion was the situation involving MAY MURRAY and her son MARVIN. KEYLOR said the state representatives at the Regional meeting were very critical of the action taken by the local committee. They said it was a very strict rule of the Communist Party that no member should have contact, social or otherwise with anyone who is an enemy of the working class and MARVIN, by his testimony to the FBI, had become such an enemy. The decision of those at the Regional meeting was that MAY and CURY MURRAY will have to be asked to resign from the Party and that they can request reinstatement at such time as they have sent MARVIN away. KEYLOR said one thing that made this decision imperative was the fact that they have recently had two transfers into the Stanislaus County Club and MARVIN had questioned his younger sisters as to their identity. The MURRAYs will be visited by a Committee on Sunday, February 27th, to be told of the decision of the Regional Meeting. KEYLOR asked NOT to be appointed on this Committee.

"KEYLOR said he had found out from JACK STARR that the DODSONs, JACK and BETTY, are living in their trailer house in a court on Waterloo Road, near JACK's father's place.

"KEYLOR reported the State Committee wishes to question THOMPSONs further on their situation in the Party and it will be approximately six weeks before they can see them. KEYLOR also said he is going to ask to sit in on the discussion concerning restricted covenants.

"In regards to the Coast Guard screening, KEYLOR said the Union attorney told him to just ignore any summons or request for appearance that he has received.

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"Plans were made for the KEYLOR's to come to the THOMPSONs for dinner on Thursday, March 3rd and following dinner, HOWARD KEYLOR and HOWARD THOMPSON are going to distribute literature for the California Emergency Defense Committee. The literature will be put behind the flags on rural mail boxes."

RECOMMENDATION:

No action recommended.

SAC (100-21286)

April 25, 1955

SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
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The following written report was furnished to the writer by SF 1604-S on 3/14/55. This report, dated 3/9/55, is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [REDACTED]

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"Report on the Communist Party
Stockton, California
March 9, 1955

"On Thursday evening, March 3, 1955, HOWARD and EVANGELINE KEYLOR were the guests of the HOWARD THOMPSON's for dinner. They arrived at 7:00 PM, stating they were late because STEVE CHARNASKY had stopped by their house. CHARNASKY is now unemployed, having lost his job because he is hard of hearing.

"After dinner HOWARD KEYLOR and HOWARD THOMPSON left to distribute literature for the California Emergency Defense Committee. This was done in the French Camp area and the leaflets were put behind the flags on rural mail boxes."

On 4/4/55, SF 1604-S orally advised the writer that the above-mentioned CEDC leaflets were distributed at French Camp, California by Stockton, California Communist Party members, HOWARD KEYLOR and HOWARD THOMPSON on instructions from HOWARD KEYLOR who is the CP organizer for San Joaquin County, California. SF 1604-S further advised that there is no organized CEDC committee in Stockton and that this work is carried out by the Stockton CP.

RECOMMENDATION:

No action recommended.

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100- [REDACTED] (California Emergency Defense Committee)

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (97-27)

FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE)

SUBJECT: DAILY PEOPLE'S WORLD
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DATE: April 25, 1955

The following written report was furnished to the writer by SF 1604-S on 3/14/55. This report, dated 3/9/55, is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [REDACTED]

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"Report on the Communist Party
Stockton, California
March 9, 1955

"The HOWARD THOMPSON home was the location chosen for a spaghetti dinner to stimulate the circulation drive for the Daily People's World on Sunday, March 6, 1955.

The following attended the dinner:-

HOWARD and EVANGELINE KEYLOR
ARTHUR and LURA WALTER
HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON
MARY C. EASTER
LOUIS FESTIS COLEMAN
LEO KONOPKO
LARRY KILMER
MASON -- San Francisco, representing People's World
JACK JILBERT
VINCENT KABEEBE

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ccs: 100-21286 (CP, San Joaquin County)

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"Immediately following the dinner, LOUIS COLEMAN told HOWARD KEYLOR that he had not understood the purpose of the dinner and he was not too sure of MARY EASTER on the subject and since he is still on parole, he felt that it would not be safe to stay.

"MASON and his wife were not told that the meeting was to be preceded by a dinner so they were the luncheon guests of the SAUNDER's in Stockton.

"MASON gave a short talk on ways and means of getting subscriptions and then several were turned in which took San Joaquin County over their goal."

SF 1604-S on 4/4/55, orally advised the writer that the above Daily People's World benefit dinner was sponsored by the Communist Party of Stockton, California; however, it was not announced as being sponsored by the Communist Party and the Communist Party was not mentioned at this dinner.

RECOMMENDATION:

No action recommended.

SAC (100-21286)

May 26, 1955

SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
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The following written report was furnished to the writer by SF 1601-S on 4/22/55. This report, dated 4/19/55, is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted] b7D

"Report on Communist Party
"Stockton, California
"April 19, 1955

"On Sunday morning, March 27, 1955 at about 11:00 AM, GRACE and DAVE FORBES of Berkeley visited at the HOWARD THOMPSONs and asked how to find LILLIA NOLAND's home in Wibeysville. They left for Miss NOLAND's at about 11:30 AM."

RECOMMENDATION:

No action. File.

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SAC, San Francisco (100-32493)

June 3, 1955

ROBERT F. SAVAGE, SA

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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE by SF 1604-S on 5/24/55. This report, dated 5/24/55, is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [REDACTED]

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"Stockton, California
May 24, 1955

"George D. McComb has not been a member of the Communist Party at Stockton, California since 1948. He was active in the YPP at Stockton in about 1952 but has had no other activity since then.

"Walter Michener attended Communist Party meetings at Stockton, California during 1948 and left the Communist Party in 1949. He was active in the Stockton Peace Council and the YPP in around 1951 and 1952 but hasn't been active since that time.

"Al Balatti dropped out of the Communist Party at Stockton in about 1950 and hasn't attended any CP meetings since that time that I have attended or heard about.

"Sid Schurr has never, to my knowledge, attended a Communist Party meeting at Stockton or been connected with the CP at Stockton since 1948.

(SIGNED) [REDACTED]

NO ACTION RECOMMENDED.

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cc: 100-33290 [REDACTED]
100-21781 [REDACTED]
100-23253 [REDACTED]
100-21286 (CP SAN JOAQUIN CO.)
100-28062 J (YPP, San JOAQUIN CO.)
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SAC (100-26333)

June 15, 1955

SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

CP ACTIVITIES, STANISLAUS COUNTY
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE by SF 1604-S on 5/16/55. This report, dated 5/13/55, is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

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"Report on the Communist Party
"Stockton, California
"May 13, 1955

"On Tuesday, May 3, 1955, MAY MURRAY and children arrived at the HOWARD THOMPSON home at about 7:00 PM. The children accompanied LULU MAE THOMPSON while she did her chores and at that time MAY MURRAY informed HOWARD THOMPSON that she had sent her son MARVIN away and that she was applying for readmission to the Party."

RECOMMENDATION:

No action recommended.

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(SF 1604-S)

100-21286 (CP Activities, San Joaquin Co.)
100-28334 [redacted]
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TO : SAC (100-21286)
FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE
SUBJECT: CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
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DATE: June 15, 1955

The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE by SF 1604-S on 5/2/55. This report, dated 4/29/55, is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [REDACTED]

"Report on the Communist Party
"Stockton, California
"April 29, 1955

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"A Communist Party meeting was held at the HOWARD THOMPSON home on Wednesday evening, April 27, 1955. HOWARD THOMPSON brought HOWARD KEYLOR home with him at about 6:00 PM because KEYLOR's car is being repaired. JACK JILBERT arrived at about 20 minutes to 6:00. After dinner, the meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM, with HOWARD KEYLOR acting as chairman.

"KEYLOR reported that all the organizational problems in the Region had been straightened out except for the one involving the THOMPSONS. He said he had made a tentative date for May 15, 1955 at 1:00 PM, preferably in San Francisco, for another meeting with the committee. The date and location were both satisfactory to the THOMPSONS. HOWARD KEYLOR said he had asked permission to sit in on any discussion of restricted covenants and that he had asked RUDY LAMBERT to go through the Party records and to give the committee any information that has been gathered through other restricted covenant cases involving Party members. KEYLOR said that plans called for meeting someone in San Francisco at a location known to him and then to proceed to the meeting place.

"The fund drive for the Peoples World will start on June 15, 1955 and HOWARD KEYLOR said that someone in Stanislaus County had said they would donate peaches to San Joaquin County if they wished to can them to sell at the People's World Bazaar to help meet the counties quota of \$250.00. LULU MAE

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100-32046 [REDACTED]

100-27792 (CP, Farmers (Matters)

100-27793 (Leg. Acts.)

100-31499 [REDACTED]

100-29506 [REDACTED]

100-20472 [REDACTED]

61-409 [REDACTED]

97-27 (CPW)

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100-11596 (NAACP)

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THOMPSON suggested that, with the help of a couple of other women, she would organize the canning of 100 quarts of fruit, and JACK JILBERT said he would donate 50 pounds of sugar.. HOWARD KEYLOR said the People's World would furnish the jars and he would contact them and reserve 50 pints and 75 quarts.

"KEYLOR said that plants sell very well at such bazaars and HOWARD THOMPSON said LEILA NOLAND had many small live oak tree seedlings at her home in Wilseyville and so plans were made to collect bowls and planters to plant them in.

"KEYLOR stated that his club had agreed to raise \$75.00 toward the quata and he then asked HOWARD THOMPSON when he could donate a days wages. JILBERT said he felt, if the THOMPSON'S fuel and time for canning fruit and then made two trips to Wilseyville to make arrangements for the trees and to get them for the bazaar, that they would be doing their share and the request for donations of a days pay should be made only to those who take no active part in raising funds. KEYLOR reluctantly agreed to this.

"KEYLOR reported that the NAACP in Stockton is becoming much more active and that they have a committee functioning which contacts employers who have never hired Negroes. In several cases they have obtained promises that Negroes will be hired in the future if trained personnel can be obtained.. The committee is making up a file on available trained personnel for all types of work.

"HOWARD THOMPSON took HOWARD KEYLOR home at about 9:30 PM. At KEYLOR's home they found a note telling that WARD (CURLY) MURRAY and his son-in-law, JULIAN VALDEZ were killed Monday in an automobile-truck collision in Sonoma County.

"During the meeting KEYLOR reported that there has been a great deal of discussion of the situation involving Mexican Nationals and agricultural labor in the State and that the Party leadership is considering calling a conference on the State level to see what should be done to relieve the problem."

RECOMMENDATION:

No action recommended.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (100-21286)

FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
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DATE: June 15, 1955

The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE by SF 1604-S on 5/16/55. This report, dated 5/13/55, is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [REDACTED] b7D

"Report on the Communist Party
"Stockton, California
"May 13, 1955

"On Thursday evening, May 12, 1955 at about 7:15 PM, HOWARD KEYLOR arrived at the HOWARD THOMPSON home for a Communist Party meeting.

"KEYLOR informed THOMPSON's that he had received a message from RUDY LAMBERT calling off the meeting in San Francisco on Sunday, May 15, 1955, that was to have been held to solve the problem concerning the THOMPSONS in the Party. A new date for Saturday June 4, 1955 at the THOMPSON home was suggested. KEYLOR said there is to be a Regional meeting of the Party in San Francisco on Sunday, May 29th at which time he will see RUDY LAMBERT and confirm the date. THOMPSON told KEYLOR that they (the THOMPSONS) would not consider holding any meeting unless RUDY LAMBERT was present. KEYLOR said he would relay this message.

"KEYLOR said he had contacted BILL WEBER and he had offered to buy bowls for trees (to be furnished by LEILA NOLAND) for the People's World Bazaar.

"No definite date was set for the next meeting."

RECOMMENDATION:

No action recommended.

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SAC (100-21206)

6/17/55

SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
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"Report on the Communist Party
Stockton, California
June 6, 1955

"Howard and Lulu Mae Thompson visited at the Howard Keylor home on Thursday evening, June 2, 1955 at about 5:00 PM. At about 5:15 Howard Keylor returned home. He stated that he did not have anything to report because, on the date scheduled for the last Regional meeting, something had 'gone wrong' and he could not make his 'contact'".

SF 1604-S orally advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 6/9/55 that the Regional meeting referred to in the report was to be a meeting of the leaders of the Communist Party officials from the outlying counties in Northern California with the Communist Party State of California leaders. This meeting was to be held on 5/29/55 in San Francisco, California.

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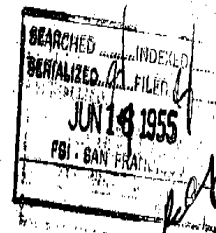
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6/24/55

SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

RALPH DANIEL DRAYTON, aka.
Department of the Army
Sacramento, California
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Remeo SA J. STERLING ADAMS, 6/15/55.

SF 1604-S orally advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 6/24/55 that he recalls having met ROY OTTO DRAYTON in about 1948 or 1949. He stated that it is his recollection that ROY DRAYTON had left the Communist Party at this time but that he was still sympathetic to the CP and contributed to the CP. It is his impression that ROY DRAYTON resided in Lodi, California at that time and was a plasterer or a plastering contractor.

SF 1604-S further advised that he has no knowledge of any CP activity on the part of the employee and that he has never met or heard of the employee.

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June 7, 1955

ROBERT F. SAVAGE, SA

CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
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The following written report was furnished to SA
ROBERT F. SAVAGE by SF 1604-S on 6/17/55. This report dated 6/16/55
is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [REDACTED]

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"Report on the Communist Party
Stockton, California
June 16, 1955

"There was a Communist Party meeting at the Howard
Thompson home on Wednesday evening, June 15, 1955, at about
7:30 PM. Howard Kaylor was present. A long discussion was
held on the advisability of forming a third political
party at the present time. The discussion was based on an
article in the April issue of Political Affairs.

"After the discussion, Kaylor stated that Rudy Lambert
and two others from the State Committee would come to Stockton
on Thursday evening, June 23, 1955 and they all would come to
Thompson's house to discuss the situation of the Thompson's
in the party and try to solve their problems. There will also
be a delegation present from the other club in Stockton.

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TO : SAC (100-21286)

FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
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DATE: July 27, 1955

The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE by SF 1604-S on 7/5/55. This report, dated 6/30/55, is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [REDACTED]

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"On Sunday morning, June 26, 1955, at about 10:00 AM, JACK JILBERT of Tracy stopped at the HOWARD THOMPSON home. He visited in the front yard with HOWARD THOMPSON for about 30 minutes.

"THOMPSON informed him of the meeting held at his home of Thursday evening, June 23, 1955 and told him about the various charges made by EVANGELINE KEYLOR. JILBERT said that it was immaturity on her part that led to such charges and he didn't believe there was any foundation for them.

"On the same day at about 8:30 PM HOWARD KEYLOR and his little girl came to the THOMPSON's. KEYLOR had some flower pots that BILL WEBER had donated for plants for the People's World Bazaar. KEYLOR discussed with THOMPSON the fact that RUDY LAMBERT had not liked it because he had brought up several things for discussion at the meeting held at THOMPSON's on June 23rd, but said he felt he had to bring up all the points, even if he was wrong."

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC (100-21286)

FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
IS - C

DATE: July 27, 1955

The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE by SF 1604-S on 7/11/55. This report, dated 7/10/55, is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [REDACTED]

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"On Saturday evening, July 9, 1955, LEE 'KUTNIK' called HOWARD THOMPSON from San Francisco to establish a date for the next meeting of the Security Commission with the members of the two Stockton Communist Party Clubs. This meeting is for the purpose of completing the hearing on the charges against the THOMPSONS. THOMPSON stated that the meeting could be held any time during the ensuing week and LEE left it up to him to contact HOWARD KEYLOR, establish a date and told him to then leave word, or get word to the Circulation manager of the Daily People's World as to the date set."

SF 1604-S orally advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 7/12/55 that he contacted HOWARD KEYLOR on 7/10/55 and that KEYLOR advised him that the contact at the Daily People's World between the outlying Communist Parties and the State leadership in San Francisco is LEO BAROWAY.

RECOMMENDATION:

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TO : SAC (100-21286)

FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
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DATE: July 27, 1955

The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE by SF 1604-S on 7/11/55. This report, dated 7/9/55, is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [REDACTED]

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"On Tuesday evening July 6, 1955, HOWARD KEYLOR stopped at the HOWARD THOMPSON home at about 7:45 PM. He said the purpose of the call was to get some information on the procedure outlined by RUDY LAMBERT in completing the charges against the THOMPSONS. He stated that it was not quite clear to him as to what EVANGELINE KEYLOR and LARRY KILMER were supposed to do, and he also requested that HOWARD THOMPSON write a letter answering the charges and also stating that he was not charging him (HOWARD KEYLOR) with being a stool_pidgeon when he made the statements concerning KEYLORS job for the State.

"THOMPSON informed KEYLOR that EVANGELINE and LARRY were to get letters from the people who had charged that he worked for the FBI and that these letters were to be turned over to RUDY LAMBERT and after they were in LAMBERTS hands he would call another meeting of all concerned. KEYLOR stated that those charging THOMPSON were DAVE FORBES, JACK DODSON, DELMER BERG and SAM OLIVER.

"THOMPSON said he didn't feel that he should write any letter because he was to receive his opportunity to answer the charges when the meeting is held."

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, SF (100-21286)

Date: 8/3/55

FROM: SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE by SF 1604-S on 7/22/55. This report, dated 7/20/55, is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

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"Report on the Communist Party
"Stockton, California
"July 20, 1955

"On Thursday evening, July 14, 1955, LEE "KUTNIK" and RUDY LAMBERT arrived at the HOWARD THOMPSON home at about 6:45 PM. This meeting was scheduled to try to reorganize the Communist Party in the Stockton area in order that the THOMPSONs would no longer be isolated. LEE informed THOMPSONs that she and RUDY did not feel that they knew the individuals concerned well enough to evaluate the case properly, so they wanted each person involved to take a "reaffirmation test", answering a series of questions in writing. These would be studied and the information held in the strictest confidence and the papers would be destroyed. They asked THOMPSONs to start answering the questions, so they could be interviewing them privately while the others involved were writing their answers.

"Questions asked were:

"When and where born and race?

"Parents names, ages, when and where born and if citizens and how many in the family?

"Educational background, religious and political background?

"Why you joined the Party.

"Had you ever been charged with Chauvinism and under what circumstances.

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"Marital status, how many times married and names of former mates. Names of anyone you had ever had 'personal relationships' with.

"Had you ever been questioned by the FBI and under what circumstances.

"What did you consider your position in the Party and how did you feel you could best serve the Party.

"What do you consider your best points, your weak points.

"Did you have any criticism of the Party or of local Party members.

"What papers, books and magazines do you read regularly.

"Whom do you consider your closest friends.

"Whom do you think could best evaluate your position in and value to the Party.

"What do you think is wrong with the Peace movement.

"HOWARD KEYLOR and LARRY KILMER arrived at about 7:30 PM and immediately went to work writing their questionnaires.

"HOWARD KEYLOR and LARRY KILMER turned some papers over to RUDY LAMBERT. They were supposed to be the charges made by EVANGELINE KEYLOR and LARRY KILMER against the THOMPSONs. Apparently, from close observance, they were written by EVANGELINE and LARRY and were not letters from other individuals substantiating their charges. HOWARD KEYLOR's letter seemed to have been a clarification of his position in signing the Levering Act while employed by the State.

"LULU MAE THOMPSON was the first one interviewed and she was followed by HOWARD THOMPSON.

"LAMBERT and LEE told HOWARD that they had no reason to believe there was suspicion of him being a stool pidgeon, but at the time THOMPSON quit his government job he should have been cleared through the State Security Commission. They then asked THOMPSON if he felt that HOWARD KEYLOR was a stool pidgeon. THOMPSON stated that he did not feel that the things that had happened were due to any disloyalty on HOWARD KEYLOR's

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part, but were rather due to his immaturity. RUDY said they were not suspicious of KEYLOR and felt that he was loyal, but stupid in his actions.

"Following the personal interviews, a meeting was scheduled for San Francisco on Sunday, July 24th at 11:00 AM. Everyone from out of town will meet in the parking lot in back of Sears Roebuck and Co. at Army and Mission Streets in San Francisco and they will be told where to go from there. This meeting is called for a general political discussion.

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FROM: SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

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"Report on the Communist Party
"Stockton, California
"July 20, 1955

"On Sunday July 10, 1955, the HOWARD THOMPSONs
stopped at the HOWARD KEYLOR's at about 11:00 AM and
HOWARD THOMPSON told HOWARD KEYLOR that LEE "KUTNIK"
had telephoned and wanted a meeting with the local Com-
munist Party members sometime during the next week. KEYLOR
and THOMPSON set the date for Thursday, July 14, 1955.
THOMPSON stated he had understood LEE to say he should
send work to LEO BARROWAY, circulation manager of the
People's World and KEYLOR replied that he was the contact
or intermediary in San Francisco and received and transmitted
all messages.

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TO : SAC (100-21286)

FROM : SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
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DATE: July 29, 1955

The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE by SF 1604-S on 7/5/55. This report, dated 7/2/55, is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [REDACTED]

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"On the night of the 23rd of June, 1955 at about 8:00 PM, the following persons met at the HOWARD THOMPSON home: VIRGIL COLE, RUDY LAMBERT, LEE KUTNIK, HOWARD KEYLOR, EVANGELINE KEYLOR, LARRY KILMER, HOWARD THOMPSON.

"LULU MAE THOMPSON was in the hospital so she was unable to be present.

"The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and clarify the situation existing between the Communist Party group of which HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON are members and the other group located in Stockton.

"The first point to be brought up was the discussion on restricted covenants. LAMBERT and LEE agreed THOMPSON was correct in his understanding of the problem.

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100-27747 (CP, Organization)
100-25687 (Security Measures)
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"The second matter covered the recruiting of a Negro into the Party and the conclusion was reached the due to the employment of the Negro's husband being for the government it would be unwise to recruit her into the Party.

"THOMPSON then asked what other objections the other group might have toward the combining of the two Communist Party groups. Whereupon EVANGELINE stated that THOMPSON was Chauvanistic and quick-tempered. She then quoted the instance of the Chauvanism charges brought on at one time by one HATTIE (a Negro). After THOMPSON had explained the conditions under which this happened, the charges were thrown out by RUDY LAMBERT. At this time, EVANGELINE brought up the charge of THOMPSON being an FBI agent and stated that these suspicions were brought on because the THOMPSON's did not take part in handing out pamphlets and publicly making it known that they were Party members. She stated that this charge was also suggested to her by DELMER BERG of Modesto. At this point THOMPSON stated that such charges should be brought out into the open as suspicion was not good for the Party and he used as an example the fact that HOWARD KEYLOR had been working for the State and had driven a State owned vehicle to IPP meetings and had used the same to transport Party members and literature. Whereupon LEE asked HOWARD KEYLOR if he had signed the papers as required by the Levering Act and KEYLOR stated that he had, whereupon LEE jumped up and suggested that the Communist Party in San Joaquin County be disbanded. RUDY LAMBERT then told her that they had no authority to disband any Club and further stated that both Clubs would remain status quo and EVANGELINE KEYLOR should produce written statements from the person or persons who felt that THOMPSON was an FBI agent and when those statements were presented to him, another meeting would be called, whereupon the meeting was adjourned, time approximately 11:15 PM."

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SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-21286)

August 17, 1955

SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE by SF 1604-S on August 1, 1955. This report, dated July 29, 1955, is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [redacted]

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"Report on the Communist Party
Stockton, California
July 29, 1955"

"On Sunday, July 24, 1955, HOWARD and LULU MADE THOMPSON, HOWARD and EVANGELINE KEYLOR and LARRY KIIMER were met at the Sear's parking lot at Army and Mission Streets in San Francisco by LEE KUTNIK at 11:00 AM. The THOMPSONs joined her in her car and the others followed in the KEYLOR car and all proceeded to the apartment of RUDY LAMBERT on Joost St.

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TO: SAC, SF (100-21286)
FROM: SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

"LEE KUTNIK acted as chairman and suggested an agenda in three parts:

- a. discussion of security
- b. Party policy regarding members who sign loyalty oaths
- c. committee recommendation as to the final disposition of the problem in San Joaquin County.

"On the discussion of security, chairman LEE opened the subject with a statement from the Security Committee to the effect that they could find no reason or foundation for the belief that the HOWARD THOMPSONs were stool pigeons. She said there was a possibility that perhaps they had been unwise in questioning one member about another, which is a violation of security, but this was not sufficient basis for the charges made by the KEYLORs and LARRY KILMER. RUDY LAMBERT stated he had contacted DAVE FORBES and questioned him about the suspicions EVANGELINE KEYLOR said he had told her he had of the THOMPSONs. FORBES had told him that he was not all all suspicious of THOMPSONs and if EVANGELINE had so quoted him she certainly has misunderstood him. Whereupon RUDY asked EVANGELINE is she didn't realize that the fact that HOWARD KEYLOR had discussed Party business and members (including his suspicions of the THOMPSONs) with her prior to her becoming a Party member, was as serious a violation of Party security as any of the security charges she had brought against THOMPSON? It was also pointed out that HOWARD KEYLOR had violated security when he drove a State car to and an IPP meeting.

"A brief recess for lunch was called after the discussion of the first point on the agenda.

"Following lunch the discussion turned to the second point --- the Party position concerning any member who signs a loyalty oath. LEE stated that the Party had formulated their position when the first law was enacted which required a loyalty oath from those employed on certain jobs. This position was that any member signing a loyalty oath of any kind or on any level (Federal or State) must be suspended from Party membership. The Party did not take the position of advocating that a member sign or not sign, leaving the decision to the member, but making it quite clear that signing meant suspension from membership until such time as the person in question was no longer employed under the oath, at which time he could apply for reinstatement tru the proper procedure and channels. KEYLOR took the position that the Levering Act oath could not count because thare had never been a Supreme Court dicision so establishing it. He was told by both

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"LEE and RUDY that it did not matter about the status of the law, but they pointed out to him that he could be gotten on a charge of perjury. KEYLOR, in his written statement to the committee, had not only questioned Party policy but had set his opinion above the policy, for which he was lectured.

"KILMER was told he must use more judgement in writing letters to the editors of the local paper and also to the People's World. He had threatened in a letter to the People's World 'to punch any FBI agent in the nose' and LAMBERT pointed out to him that this could be construed as 'force and violence'.

"The final point on the agenda was the committee's recommendations. LEE stated that the committee felt that the best solution would be for some, or all, of the group to move out of the area into an area where there were more clubs and activities so that they could advance their education in the Party. The second solution would be for them to travel to such an area to attend meetings and classes, or to have someone travel into the area to conduct classes. The Party is not in a position to provide such a leader at the present time.

"After a great deal of discussion it was decided that all members in the Stockton area will meet together during August and in this period of time discussions should be held on the best way to solve this problem.

"The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:00 PM and LEE and EVANGELINE retired to one end of the room to discuss the various aspects of EVANGELINE's job. LEE informed her that she was in a position where she could be very easily framed by the vice squad on a prostitution charge.

"LEE and LAMBERT took the THOMPSONs to their car and LAMBERT stated they had tried to contact VIRGIL COLE to have him at the meeting but they could not reach him by phone, so they felt he must be on vacation."

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SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-21286)

September 9, 1955

ROBERT F. SAVAGE, SA

CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
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The following written report was furnished to SA
ROBERT F. SAVAGE by SF 1604-S on 8/12/55. This report, dated 8/11/55
is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [REDACTED]

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"Report on the Communist Party
Stockton, California
August 11, 1955

"HOWARD KEYLOR visited the HOWARD
THOMPSON home on Sunday evening, August 7, 1955 at
about 7:30 PM. He stated that LENA WALTER,
LARRY KILMER, EVANGELINE KEYLOR and himself
had earned the balance of the apricots for
the People's World Bazaar on Saturday and that
he had a large kettle of apricot pulp to make
jam. He said he could make the jam on Monday
because he didn't have to work, so the THOMPSONS
gave him two jars of Certo to use in the jam
and LULU MAE THOMPSON told him how to follow the
recipe. He left about 8:15 PM.

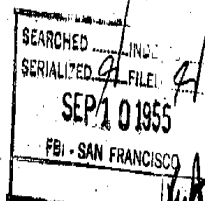
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RFS:ay

SF 1604-S advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE orally on 8/19/55 that the information included in the above report concerns the preparing of food by the San Joaquin County Communist Party for the FW Bazaar. This informant advised that although LURA WALTER is not a member of the CP, she works closely with the CP membership in this area. The informant could furnish no additional information.

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"HOWARD KEYLOR and LARRY KILMER reported on an article on Communist Party security which RUDY LAMBERT had given them to read. Some of the points brought out were ... that all members of a club must be acquainted with all other members, all members of a Communist Party Committee must know all other members on said committee; the telephone must never be used to conduct Party business of any type, even if code could be used. There was some mention of how large a Club could be, but those reporting could not remember the figure. The point was made that all Party members must be members of a Club and, after some discussion it was decided that the chairman, HOWARD KEYLOR, should contact JACK JILBERT and, after informing him of this rule, give him a chance to join the Club.

"Discussion then turned to the recommendation of the State Security Commission as to the disposition of the problem in San Joaquin County. HOWARD KEYLOR stated he was inclined, after much thought, to agree with the recommendation that the Party abandon its efforts in Stockton and that it would be better for them to move and establish themselves in a "concentration area" where they could be of more use to the Party and also help themselves advance in the Party. The rest of the Party members present seemed to feel that there were still opportunities for the Party in Stockton.

"The KEYLOR's and KILMER's, during all discussions, failed to mention any other members from their Club. They just gave the impression that they were the only members of it, prior to these joint meetings.

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"HOWARD THOMPSON read a letter he had received from LEO BARROWAY asking that a picnic be given in the area to raise money for the People's World. Action was delayed until the next meeting, which was set for Wednesday evening, August 17, 1955.

"KEYLOR told THOMPSON that the Regional meeting will be held in Wheatland on Friday evening August 19, 1955 and that he would tell him how to make contact at the next meeting.

"Enclosed is a paper taken from some notes that HOWARD KEYLOR asked THOMPSON to burn.

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Enclosed paper contained the following:

"Don't underestimate importance of meetings for political reasons. Line up possible dates for weekend dates of person from paper around middle and end of July. New readers goal for during next 3 or 4 months.

"Announce special offer \$2.50 for 3 months.

(LILLIAN RANSOME - PO 159 Wheatland)

ART GORIN
July 14th"

(initialed) MMM - Aug. 11, 55"

The paper that HOWARD KEYLOR gave to THOMPSON to burn contained the names LILLIAN RANSOME and ART GORIN. This paper is being maintained with the original report.

This informant was thoroughly interviewed on 8/19/55 by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE and possessed no additional information.

ACTION RECOMMENDED. File.

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September 9, 1955

ROBERT F. SAVAGE, SA

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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE by SF 1604-S on 8/20/55. This report, dated 8/19/55, is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [REDACTED] b7D

"Report on the Communist Party
Stockton, California
August 19, 1955

"On Wednesday evening, August 17, 1955 a Communist Party meeting was held at the HOWARD THOMPSON home. Those attending were:

HOWARD and EVANGELINE KEYLOR
HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON
LARRY KILMER
JACK JILBERT

"Chairman HOWARD KEYLOR called the meeting to order at 7:50 PM and a two hour time limit was set for the meeting. The Chairman briefed JILBERT on the reorganization of the Party in San Joaquin County and asked him if he cared to join the Club. He replied that under his present circumstances he would be able to take an active part in some of the Club's projects, so he felt he should join.

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"Chairman KEYLOR then asked for further discussion of the future of the Party in San Joaquin County, stating that he felt the State Committee had been correct in their analysis of the situation when they proposed abandoning the Stockton area and having all Party members in the vicinity move to a "concentration" area. All other members felt that those owning their own homes could still serve the Party by remaining in the district, especially with elections coming up and considering their union affiliations.

"KEYLOR stated that the Club in Stanislaus County expected to lose some of its members by transfers and that possibly those remaining would want to amalgamate with this Club.

"Suggested activities were: EVANGELINE KEYLOR will affiliate with a Democratic Club in Stockton which has a membership of minority races; the THOMPSONS will join the Democratic Club in the Lathrop area; HOWARD THOMPSON will join the Political action club affiliated with the Machinists Union; JACK JILBERT will take an active part in the Railroad Unions political activities.

"KEYLOR announced that the county had met only about 25% of its goal on the People's World Fund Drive, and he appointed HOWARD THOMPSON to contact the FENNELS and ask them for a donation. LULU MAE THOMPSON and KEYLOR reported that approximately 50 quarts of apricots have been canned and about 40 glasses of Apricot jam made. LULU MAE THOMPSON offered to donate the material and make some aprons for the Bazaar. KEYLOR said he still expected to get some peaches to can, also.

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"The next meeting date was set for Wednesday, August 24th at the THOMPSONS and JACK JILBERT was appointed to conduct an "educational" on the article in the August Political Affairs on Keynesism, HOWARD KEYLOR asked HOWARD THOMPSON to stop at his home on Thursday evening to receive his instructions for the Regional meeting on Friday evening, August 19, 1955.

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SF 1604-S was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 8/29/55 and possessed no additional information.

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ROBERT F. SAVAGE, SA

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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE by SF 1604-S on 8/6/55. This report, dated 8/5/55 is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [REDACTED]

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Report on the Communist Party
Stockton, California
August 5, 1955

"HOWARD KEYLOR and LARRY KILMER visited at the HOWARD THOMPSON home at about 7:30 PM on Monday, August 1, 1955. Enclosed is a copy of the papers they gave the THOMPSONS. They said they were going to distribute approximately 50 copies on their way home by placing them back of the flags on rural mailboxes in the French Camp district. They also stated that they had placed about 100 copies in the mail over the weekend.

"Those present set the date for the next Communist Party meeting for the evening of Wednesday, August 10, 1955 at 7:30 PM at the THOMPSON home.

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Included with this report is a paper entitled "GENEVA - A STEP TO PEACE" which was issued and distributed by the Communist Party of San Joaquin County. This CP literature will be maintained as an exhibit with the original of this report.

SF 1604-S was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 8/19/55 and possessed no additional information.

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September 9, 1955

SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

IRVING JOHN JILBERT
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Report on the Communist Party
Stockton, California
August 11, 1955

"On Saturday evening, August 6, 1955 JACK JILBERT dropped in at the HOWARD THOMPSON home at about 8:30 PM for a short visit. He held a short discussion with the THOMPSONS on the possibility of a depression and what the effects of such a depression would be on the people. He left at about 9:15 PM.

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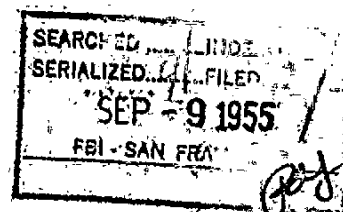
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-21286) DATE: 9/12/55
FROM: SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE
SUBJECT: CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE by SF 1604-S on 8/23/55. This report, dated 8/22/55, is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [REDACTED] b7D

"Report on the Communist Party
Stockton, California
August 22, 1955

"On the evening of August 19, 1955 at about 5:00 PM, HOWARD THOMPSON drove to the home of HOWARD KEYLOR to pick up DELMER BERG to go to the Regional meeting of the Communist Party to be held that evening in Wheatland at the home of LILLIAN RANSOM. At approximately 5:15 PM DELMER BERG arrived from Modesto. At 5:30 PM HOWARD KEYLOR returned from work and gave THOMPSON the \$5.58 dues which was the State's 65% of dues taken in. At approximately 5:35 THOMPSON and BERG left in THOMPSON's car for Wheatland.

"They arrived in Wheatland at 7:45 PM and stopped at the home of LILLIAN RANSOM. None of the other delegates had arrived at this time so BERG and THOMPSON drove uptown to a restaurant to enable BERG to get a bowl of soup as he has had all his upper teeth out and is unable to eat solid food.

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"At 8:00 PM they returned to the RANSOM home and met LILLIAN RANSOM, who stated that she did not know if VIRGIL COLE would be able to attend the meeting because he had been thrown out of the Carpenter's Union and had had to take a job washing dishes in a hotel, presumably in Chico. No mention was made of his wife.

"At about 8:30 PM MARIE and ART (live on Broadway in Sacramento) arrived with their son. MARIE brought in two shopping bags of literature and ART remained outside the house, talking with LILLIAN's husband during the meeting.

"THOMPSON then turned over the \$8.85 for Southern Solidarity, or the Alabama Fund, to MARIE. He also gave her the \$5.58 dues money, at which time MARIE stated that this money was normally handled by MARCE MILLER. THOMPSON then gave a report on the consolidation of the two clubs in San Joaquin County.

DELMER BERG reported on the People's World Fund Drive in Stanislaus County and stated they were going to hold a picnic on August 28th at Delhi at McConnel "Park". A charge of 25¢ a car will be made and donations will be taken.

"Sacramento stated they were having a hard time meeting their quota due to seasonal work and friction between groups in the Party. MARIE stated their workers were all generally employed in fruit or hops picking and until this was finished there would be only a small part of the money available. In as much as there seems to be a shortage of peaches this year and a large number of Clubs are concentrating on the canning of peaches, it was decided that LULU MAE THOMPSON would put up different types of cucumber pickles. THOMPSON reported on the canning of apricots and stated his wife had also canned some Zucchini squash pickles and made a number of aprons for the Bazaar.

"DELMER BERG reported that MAY MURRAY had purchased a home in Ceres, but no mention was made of her reinstatement in the Party, although on the return trip, BERG did state that she had not as yet been cleared by the State.

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"THOMPSON asked for a clarification on Security, use of phones, etc., but, due to the absence of any State Representative, was unable to obtain this information.

"MARIE then distributed literature which consisted of Political Affairs, Masses and Mainstream, New World Review, and gave out copies of "the McCarran Conspiracy" and other literature which amounted to \$2.15, which THOMPSON paid.

A tentative date for the next Regional meeting was set for the 18th of September in San Francisco. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM and THOMPSON and BERG arrived in Stockton at approximately 12:15 AM. Whereupon BERG picked up his car and returned to Modesto.

Signed

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SF 1604-S was interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 8/29/55 and possessed no additional information.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO

FROM: SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
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DATE: September 13, 1955

The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE by SF 1604-S on August 23, 1955. This report, dated August 22, 1955, is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [REDACTED]

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"Report on the Communist Party
Stockton, California
August 22, 1955

"On the evening of August 18, 1955 at about 5:30 PM, HOWARD THOMPSON visited the HOWARD KEYLOR home for briefing on the coming Regional meeting of the Communist Party to be held at Wheatland. HOWARD KEYLOR gave THOMPSON the Alabama Fund of \$8.85 and stated he would be unable to pay the dues money until the next evening after he had gotten a check cashed.

"He suggested that THOMPSON contact LILLIAN RANSOM at the meeting as to the fruit jars and MARIE for the fruit for the People's World Fund Drive Bazaar. THOMPSON was also to ask for a clarification on security.

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"KEYLOR asked THOMPSON to meet DELMER BERG at his home at about 5:00 PM on Friday, August 19th and the two of them could proceed to Wheatland from there.

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SF 1604-S was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on August 29, 1955 and possessed no additional information.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (100-21286) DATE: September 13, 1955

FROM: SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: CP ACTIVITIES, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE by SF 1604-S on August 26, 1955: This report, dated August 25, 1955, is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [REDACTED]

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"Report on the Communist Party
Stockton, California
August 25, 1955

"A Communist Party meeting was held at the HOWARD THOMPSON home on Wednesday evening, August 24, 1955. Those persons attending were-

JACK JILBERT
LARRY KILMER
HOWARD and EVANGELINE KEYLOR
HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON

"The meeting was opened at 7:50 PM with HOWARD THOMPSON giving his report on the Regional meeting he attended on Friday night, August 19, 1955. He announced that the Stanislaus County Club is having a picnic on Sunday, August 28th for the benefit of the People's World and it will be held at Delhi. The KEYLORS said they would try to attend.

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"An 'educational' on Foster's article in the August '55 issue of Political Affairs titled 'On the Fight Against Keynesism' was led by JACK JILBERT. An active discussion period lasted until 9:45 PM and at that time the date for the next meeting was set for Tuesday evening, August 30, 1955 at THOMPSONS.

"The next 'educational' will be led by EVANGELINE KEYLOR and the subject chosen in 'The 46th Annual Convention of the NAACP' by DOXEY A. WILKERSON and is taken from the August Political Affairs.

/s/

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SF 1604-S was thoroughly interviewed by SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on August 29, 1955 and possessed no additional information.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: SAC, SF

DATE: 9/13/55

FROM: SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

SUBJECT: COMINFIL, IPP, SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE
by [redacted] on [redacted] This report, dated [redacted] is set out
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"There was a regular meeting called for [redacted]
[redacted] For one reason or another [redacted]
L. WALTER L. KILMER and H. & E. KEYLOR [redacted]
[redacted]

/s/ [redacted]

[redacted] advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on [redacted] that [redacted]
[redacted] in this report are members of the NAACP at Stockton, Calif.
SF 1604-S advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 8/29/55 that LARRY KILMER,
HOWARD KEYLOR and EVANGELINE KEYLOR are current members of the Communist
Party at Stockton, California.

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[redacted] could furnish no additional information.

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SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

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The following written report was furnished to SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE by SF 1604-S on 9/2/55. This report, dated 8/31/55, is set out verbatim and the original is maintained in [REDACTED]

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"Report on the Communist Party
"Stockton; California
"August 31, 1955

"There was a meeting of the Communist Party at the Howard Thompson home on Tuesday evening August 30, 1955. Those persons attending were:

"HOWARD and LULU MAE THOMPSON
"LARRY KILMER
"JACK JILBERT
"HOWARD and EVANGELINE KEYLOR

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"Chairman Howard Keylor called the meeting to order at 7:55 p.m. and as the first order of business, he asked that the Club's financial status be straightened out. Several members owed dues, either to the treasury or to other members and the Club owed Thompson for the expenses of his trip to Wheatland for the last Regional meeting. Other members owed Thompson for literature. These matters were all straightened out and Jack Jilbert donated \$1.00 to the treasury.

"The next item on the agenda was the People's World Fund Drive. An estimate was made on how much the fruit canned by the Club will bring at the Bazaar and it was found it will not be enough to meet the quota set for the Club. It was decided that HOWARD THOMPSON and HOWARD KEYLOR would make a concerted effort to contact the paper's subscribers in the area to seek donations. There are approximately 22 subscribers in San Joaquin County.

"The question of what to do about the San Joaquin County IPP Club was next brought up by Chairman KEYLOR. LURA WALTER is the only member of the Club who is not a member of the Communist Party, so a meeting of the Club is actually a discussion of Party political lines with a non-member present. The Chairman favored just dropping the Club, but EVAN ELINE KEYLOR stated she didn't feel it was as simple as that, because that would mean just dropping LURA WALTER and leaving her without any progressive organization to work in. LARRY KILMER spoke up and suggested recruiting her, but KEYLOR stated she still had some "connection" with her husband, ARTHUR WALTER, and while LURA is very reliable and trustworthy, the State Security Board had suggested that not be recruited while she still had contact with her husband because of his government job.

"EVANGELINE then suggested that LURA be invited to attend the Club's "educationals" when the subject would permit. She stated that their former Club had been doing that with a Negro she called "Smitty", and that he was anxious to resume the meetings. She felt that perhaps they could both attend these meetings, and after some discussion, it was decided to leave the final decision until after the meeting with the State Committee.

"HOWARD THOMPSON was instructed to set the date with LEE KUTNIK on Sunday, September 11 in San Francisco or any night during the following week at the THOMPSONs.

"THOMPSON announced the next Regional meeting will be held on September 18, 1955. The date set for the next Club meeting, an "educational", was Tuesday evening, September 6th at the THOMPSON's.

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SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE

VINCE CABEBE

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SF 1604-S orally furnished SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE the following information on 9/19/55 regarding the subject: CABEBE is not a registered member of the Communist Party at Stockton, California. CABEBE does not attend any of the CP meetings at Stockton, California. He does not pay dues to the CP.

SF 1604-S advised that HOWARD KEYLOR, chairman of the Stockton CP, stated during August of 1955 that VINCE CABEBE is no longer interested in the CP and that he is not to be trusted. KEYLOR, according to SF 1604-S, stated that CABEBE is dangerous and that he may become involved in some act of violence that would link the CP with force and violence and for this reason should not be involved in CP affairs.

SF 1604-S orally advised SA ROBERT F. SAVAGE on 9/19/55 that HARRIET DAVIS of the Modesto, California CP is the alternate CP regional representative from the Stanislaus County CP. SF 1604-S stated that she has not had the opportunity lately to attend any of the regional meetings.

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TO THE READER

THIS PROGRAM of the Communist Party was ratified unanimously by the delegates to the Party's National Election Conference, held in New York, August 7-8, 1954.

In draft form, more than 650,000 copies of the proposed Party program were published and widely distributed. Following five months of intensive discussion, during which the Party's proposals for meeting the critical problems confronting the American people were subjected to serious study and constructive criticism, this finalized and unanimously approved text is being made available in pamphlet form in an edition of 350,000 copies.

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The Program of the Communist Party

I. INTRODUCTION

Our country and its people rapidly are approaching a crisis.

- The storm clouds of a major economic depression are nearly upon us.
- Our nation's foreign policy is leading us to disaster.
- Our traditional liberties are vanishing, being replaced with the tyranny of McCarthyism.

The American people face the danger that everything they believe in, everything they want this great land to be, is being turned into its opposite.

At a time of great national fear and anxiety the Communist Party submits this Program as an appeal to reason, an appeal to the common sense and basic interests of our fellow Americans. The crisis of our nation cannot be resolved by any one group alone. Therefore, we offer this Program for the consideration of the working class and all Americans who are concerned with the welfare of our country.

We are convinced that only the widest unity of the American people can avert the disaster of economic ruin, fascism and war. Only the most open-minded and deep-going democratic debate can produce such unity.

Toward that end we submit this Program.

II. THE LOOMING DEPRESSION— THE DANGER OF HARD TIMES

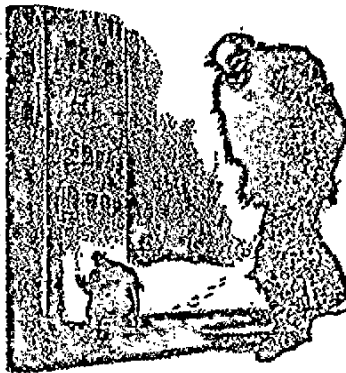
Ours is a great land. The American people are proud of its inventive genius, its technical know-how, its tremendous industrial machine and vast natural resources. One would, therefore, expect to find among the people a sense of confidence in the future. But such is not the case. Whether in

the huge shops of Detroit or the vast farmlands of Nebraska, there is a gnawing fear of impending economic ruin.

There is indeed cause for alarm. Signs of an approaching economic crisis are increasing. Production is falling. Unemployment is growing. Weekly earnings are declining as overtime pay disappears and pay rates are cut. The full extent of unemployment is masked as millions work a short week. Small business bankruptcies are multiplying. Warehouses are loaded with \$80 billions of unsold goods, while the American people still owe the unprecedented amount of \$27 billions on installment purchases.

The farmers are once again being caught in the desperate squeeze between high production costs and falling farm income. The crisis in agriculture is already well advanced, spelling ruin for many thousands of small and middle-sized farm families, and uprooting share croppers, tenants, and farm laborers from the land.

The needs of the people could easily absorb all that America can produce. But human needs and fabulous profits are opposite things. The corporations reap huge profits from the people's skill and labor. Corporation profits rose from \$6½ billions in 1939 to \$45 billions in 1953. In contrast, the Government's Bureau of Labor Statistics admits that more than one-half of all American families cannot afford to buy the minimum requirements for decent, healthful living.



Since World War II, Big Business and the Government have considered renewed arms productions as the panacea to prevent depression and to keep profits high. Military expenditures have increased more than twenty times since 1939.

But this is no answer. The increased expenditures for armaments and war are paid for by increased taxes and higher prices taken from the pockets of the people. Taxes today are more than twelve times higher than in 1939. The cost of living has more than doubled. Thus the real wages and buying power of the workers and farmers have been cut. "Cold war" politics also led to an embargo on trade with one-third of the world—the Soviet Union, China and Eastern Europe. This reduced the ability to sell American goods abroad. Finally, the over-expansion of the armament industries makes ever larger appropriations necessary to keep them going.

The arms economy is proving to be not the road to prosperity, but to economic ruin.

Big Business has no remedy for the chronic threat of economic crisis. It knows only one way to keep its industrial plants running and its lush profits flowing—by bigger war preparations, leading to ever more barbaric wars.

The arms economy is strengthening the big monopolies at the expense of the nation—particularly of labor, the working farmers and small and middle-sized business. A few giant corporations have a stranglehold on the nation's industries. This hold is even further strengthened by the Administration's "give-away" program to the monopolists.

There is an ever greater subordination of government to Big Business. The Eisenhower Administration is an administration of, by and for Big Business. Corporate wealth—General Motors, U.S. Steel, Standard Oil and du Pont—America's biggest, richest and greediest trusts, run the U.S. Government just as surely as they run their own corporations, and for the same end of ever more exorbitant profits.

The monopolists are planning to turn the approaching economic crisis to their own advantage.

They are preparing to put the American people through the wringer. They will throw more millions of workers on the streets and attempt to further speed-up and cut the wages of those employed. They strive to reduce their own taxes, while keeping them high for the lower income brackets. They want to crush and wipe out little business, to force millions of small farmers off the land, to push the small owner to the wall and to foreclose on his home and property. They want to intensify the exploitation and oppression of the Negro people whose hard won gains are threatened. They want to put more of our youth into uniform and drive working women out of industry. In short, they want to place the burden of hard times on the backs of the "little people." This is what they mean when they speak of "limited recession" or "economic readjustment."

Above all, the monopolists will seek to use the approaching economic crisis to accelerate their drive for more and more armaments and for war.

But the American people are no longer going to accept hard times as just "hard luck," or as the process by which individuals are made "rugged" under capitalism. They refuse to blame themselves or fate for mass unemployment. They expect the economic system and the Government to guarantee them jobs at a living wage as workers, and a living income as farmers.

This very dread of economic depression is cleverly utilized by Wall Street to sell its "defense" program to the country as one to prevent depression and to safeguard peace. However, Big Business now fears the indignation and wrath of the people when they learn that they have been hoodwinked.

III. THE CRISIS IN U.S. FOREIGN POLICY—THE DANGER OF WAR

This nation's foreign policy since World War II can only lead to disaster. It is meeting with failure and defeat because it conflicts with the national interests of the American people and the cherished aspirations of all mankind for peace, na-

tional freedom and higher living standards.

The Wall Street trusts and cartels have set their course on completely dominating the nations, the markets and the resources of the entire globe. This they aim to do by a combination of bribery, cajolery, intimidation, political and military intervention and ultimately world war. This is the real cause for our Government's reactionary foreign policy.

This explains the continued brandishing of the A-and H-bombs in the face of an alarmed and aroused world opinion. It explains the aggressive NATO war alliance, the headlong rush to rearm West Germany and Japan, and the building of air bases and military installations round the world. It explains our intervention in Greece, our war in Korea, our attempt to expand the war in Indo-China and the military and financial aid given to the oppressors and butchers of the peoples of Asia, Africa, and Latin America.

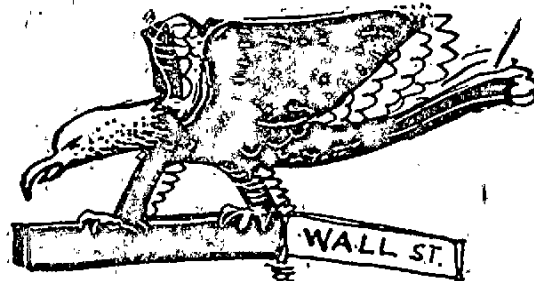
Our country, which won its national freedom in a great revolutionary war against despotic colonialism, now strives to prevent other peoples from having their 1776. Our economic royalists shout "Communism," but what they are after is the tungsten of Korea, the rubber of Indo-China, the oil of Iran and Venezuela, the diamonds and gold of South Africa, the sugar of Cuba and Puerto Rico, the bauxite of Guiana, the fruit of Guatemala, the nitrate and copper of Chile, the tin of Bolivia, and the immense super-profits derived from cheap colonial labor everywhere.

The recent brazen overthrow of the legally elected government of Guatemala by the armed puppets of the U.S. State Department and the United Fruit Co. gives the lie to Washington's protestations of anticolonialism. Wall St. considers Latin America the chief base of U.S. colonialism and the chief source of colonial super-profits. The Eisenhower-Dulles policy towards Latin America represents a return to "Big Stick" dollar diplomacy and the complete scuttling of the progressive features of the Good Neighbor policy.

No longer are the democratic forces of the world our allies and friends. Our new found "friends"

are the nazis of West Germany, the militarists of Japan, the Franco fascist regime in Spain, the Chiang Kai-shek clique in Formosa, the white-supremacists of South Africa, and the military dictators of Latin America.

The failure of U.S. foreign policy is expressed not only in the loss of allies for Wall Street but in the loss of honor for America. This policy is destroying our country's good name. It is pitting our country against the entire world and thereby reaping a whirlwind of hatred for America.



Powerful social forces are at work in the world that will not accept Wall Street dictation or domination. One third of mankind is emancipated from imperialist oppression and capitalist exploitation and has taken the path of Socialism. The rise of the Soviet Union, its tremendous industrial and cultural advance, the victory of the Chinese people and the peoples of Eastern Europe, prove that Socialism is here to stay and is indestructible.

At the same time, the colonial and dependent countries refuse to continue in conditions of national oppression, or to let their resources be exploited for the benefit of imperialism. They are intensifying their struggle for national independence.

The more economically advanced capitalist countries are likewise impelled to assert their national independence, to break away from the grip of Wall Street. They desperately need foreign markets to keep their industries running. U.S. capitalism cannot provide these. Instead, Wall Street seeks to monopolize all capitalist world markets for itself. Thus, these other capitalist nations are

compelled to enter into ever fiercer competition with U.S. capital and to seek profitable trade with the Soviet Union and the other socialist countries.

The "cold war" is the attempt to turn back the clock of history, to prepare a war for world domination behind the Big Lie of Soviet aggression. This Big Lie has been taken directly from Hitler's arsenal. For the truth is that the Soviet Union, as a socialist country, is opposed to aggression, holds inviolable the rights of nations and peoples to self-determination, champions the cause of peace and bases its foreign policy on the principle that the peaceful coexistence of capitalist and socialist countries is both possible and necessary.

Wall Street has done all in its power to build a world-wide capitalist coalition against the Soviet Union. But this coalition faces increased opposition from the peace-loving peoples and internal division from sharpening capitalist rivalries. It is now in a crisis. The people of the world do not intend to goose-step to the martial music of Wall Street. Wall Street's plan of world conquest is doomed to defeat.

The American people, too, with growing vigor, have made known their desire for peace. They demanded an end to the war in Korea. They spoke out in horror at the threat of A-and H-bomb destruction. Their mass protest helped prevent military intervention in Indo-China.

The defeats suffered by Wall Street's foreign policy, especially the ending of the Korean and Indo-China wars, have led to a certain easing of world tension. This opens the possibility of putting an end to the "cold war" altogether.

But the Eisenhower-Dulles-McCarthy forces are striving desperately to foment war hysteria and aggravate world tensions. They are determined to block peaceful negotiations. Thus the present danger of war will continue to exist so long as the present insane war policy prevails. Only by their resolute struggle for a change in our country's foreign policy will the American people help achieve a further easing of world tensions. Only a policy of peaceful co-existence will ensure a lasting peace.

IV. THE MENACE OF McCARTHYISM— THE GROWING DANGER OF FASCISM

Hand in hand with the drive toward war has been the attack on our democratic heritage.

McCarthyism is on a rampage. It is trying to brow-beat into submission every independent point of view, every thinking person. It burns books and destroys art and culture. It aims to smash the labor movement, to further enslave the Negro people, to stir up racism and anti-Semitism, to gag and brutalize the young generation, and to wipe out all vestiges of liberty. McCarthyism seeks to turn America into a land of yes-men and informers, a land where patriotism is replaced with jingoism, independent thought with conformity, courage with servility.

The victims of the witch-hunt are many. They are in the first place Communists, but they also include men and women of varied political views. They are leaders of labor and the Negro people. They are the foreign born. They are men and women of science, gifted writers and artists, prominent churchmen and educators.

The gradual whittling away of our basic democratic liberties is not some post-war madness which will pass of itself. It represents an ominous and monstrous trend toward a full-fledged police-state and fascism. The McCarthys and McCarrans



are not merely publicity-seeking demagogues. They are the conscious creatures of powerful ultra-reactionary monopoly interests. McCarthyism is the ugly face of American Hitlerism, American fascism.

McCarthyism aims to impose fascism on the country, to take it over through a program of unbridled intimidation and demagoguery. It aims to transform the present increasingly reactionary Republican Administration into an outright fascist government.

On its part, the present Republican Administration, despite certain disagreement with McCarthy, is itself embracing McCarthyism. The essence of the Eisenhower-Brownell program is the ruthless destruction of democratic liberties.

The attack upon democratic liberties these past years has been an integral part of the preparations of Wall Street for its war for world domination. It was designed to divide the country, to break up the popular majority that stood for President Roosevelt's policy of peaceful co-existence with the Soviet Union.

The witch-hunts, the attack on the Communists, on the whole New Deal and Fair Deal, has nothing to do with protecting the nation's security. It is an expression of ruling class fear of the re-emergence of the progressive majority of which the American Communists were a part and a stimulating force.

To force this country through a depression and into a war, the ruling class needs fascist conformity, apathy, terrorized and submissive Americans. This is the meaning of McCarthyism.

Why has McCarthyism made such alarming inroads in American life? The last convention of the United Auto Workers-C.I.O. correctly noted that "under the guise of protecting us from the Communists" the worst villainy has become possible. McCarthy's shady financial deals, Nixon's slush funds, the Big Business looting of the public treasury in lush defense contracts and in tax, property, land and oil steals, have all been gotten away with under the guise of fighting Communism. Anti-Communism has become the biggest

and best paying racket in the country. The American people are paying for this. They may pay for it even more dearly—with their very lives and liberties.

It is the Big Lie, the lie that the Soviet Union menaces this nation and that Communists are foreign agents, which has made possible the inroads of McCarthyism. McCarthyism has been able to utilize this lie to frighten and intimidate the country. The responsibility for this rests largely on those who helped cultivate and perpetrate the Big Lie. This includes the Truman Administration and the A. F. of L. and C.I.O. top leadership. By their propagation of the hoax of the "Communist menace," they have helped transform McCarthyism from an insignificant contemptible worm into a dangerous and venomous rattlesnake.

Accepting the Big Lie, many of McCarthy's opponents say that they challenge only his fascist "methods" while agreeing with his anti-Communist "objectives." This stands everything on its head. McCarthy's objective is fascism; his method anti-Communism.

The danger which confronts this country is that of McCarthyism, of fascism. It can be defeated only when progressive Americans, whether they agree or disagree with Communism, begin to realize that Communism is not the issue in this country today or in the near future. The false issue of Communism has been cunningly injected and kept alive in order to distract the people from the real issue which confronts them, the imminent black-out of all constitutional liberties and the brutal imposition of an American type of fascism. This was the method of Hitlerism. It is the method of McCarthyism.

The danger of McCarthyism, of American fascism, is real, grave and growing. To defeat this menace, to safeguard peace and the democratic rights of the American people is the first task of the hour. This task is now being taken up by millions. The rising tide of struggle against McCarthyism is evidence that the people can defeat this evil threat and maintain our cherished democratic liberties.

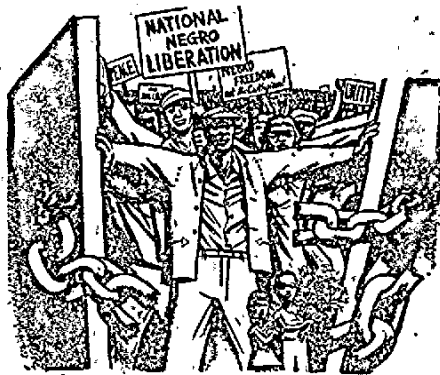
V. THE CRIME OF NEGRO OPPRESSION —THREAT TO THE RIGHTS OF ALL

McCarthyism finds ready allies among the Dixiecrats and white supremacists. It builds upon and merges with an evil of long standing in our national life—the oppression of sixteen million Negro people.

Ninety years after the abolition of chattel slavery the Negro people are still denied their democratic rights. They are subjected to a ruthless system of segregation and discrimination in employment, housing, public services, education and recreation. Jim Crow laws and white supremacy practices abuse the citizenship rights of Negroes and operate to nullify the Constitutional protections of the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments.

In the South, this brutal system of oppression has its most barbarous expression. Here, though the Negro people are a majority of the population in large areas of several states, counties, and cities, they are largely disfranchised and deprived of real representation in government.

The growing menace of McCarthyism confronts the Negro people with a new and grave danger. The drive toward fascism and war threatens to block further progress toward economic, political, and social equality and imperils the very existence of the limited rights thus far attained.



McCarthyism would mean the increased impoverishment of the Negro sharecroppers, tenant, and independent farmers and their dispossession from the land without opportunities for employment. It would mean the further depression of the already lower wage standards, the retention of "lily-white" shops and the denial of skilled jobs. It would bring about the mass firing of Negro workers and the further driving of Negro women out of industry. It would even further restrict the meager business and professional opportunities of the Negro middle class and youth. It would result in the increased denial of the right to vote and to hold elective and appointive public office. It would intensify segregation and discrimination in education, housing, hospitalization, transportation, etc.

The present assault upon constitutional and popular liberties would also destroy the democratic organizations of the Negro people and take away the right to organize, to assemble, to petition and struggle for a redress of grievances. Such are the new dangers that confront the Negro people.

The 300-year-old struggle of the Negro people for national liberation and equal rights is a glorious part of our democratic heritage, inseparable from the overall democratic struggle of the American people. In the course of this struggle the unity of the Negro people has grown, their organizational strength has developed and their conscious determination to achieve full freedom and equality becomes ever more resolute.

This valiant fight has increasingly received the support of democratic-minded white masses, especially the working class. As a result, a number of important gains have been made despite the most savage and determined resistance of the ruling class. The highly important legal victory against segregation in education is a testament to the strength of the Negro people's movement. The developing Negro-labor alliance is the strategic key for future victories.

The historic example of the Soviet Union which has wiped out every vestige of national and racial oppression in its own land, the victory of the Chinese people, the mighty rise of the colonial libera-

tion movement throughout the world, are powerful new factors which favor the cause of Negro freedom.

The white supremacist laws and practices in our country dishonor it in the eyes of the world. They expose the democratic pretensions of our ruling circles as shallow hypocrisy. This has given added international significance to the Negro liberation struggle and enhances the possibilities of winning further victories.

Confronted with these world developments and under the impact of the Negro liberation movement, the Eisenhower Administration pretends to be a friend of the Negro people and reluctantly makes certain concessions to them. In this way it seeks to head off the militant struggles of the Negro people and their white allies for Negro equality and to bolster the tottering prestige of American imperialism in the eyes of the entire world, particularly of the Asian, African and Latin American peoples. But the basic roots of Negro oppression continue in force while the Administration's ruthless assault upon civil liberties undermines the very democratic foundations without which Negro freedom is impossible.

The entire American people are paying a terrible price for the shame of Jim Crow. This price is added to the humiliation and oppression heaped upon the Negro people.

If there were no oppression of the Negro people in our land, there would be no wage differentials between North and South and between Negro and white. Thus, Southern white workers, together with their Negro brothers and sisters, would receive higher wages, while Northern labor could put an end to run-away shops and Southern cheap labor competition. In this way wage levels could be raised for the whole country.

If there were no oppression of the Negro people the shadows of the semi-slave plantation system would be lifted for all toiling farmers and the foundations firmly laid for struggle to raise the standard of living on the countryside.

If there were no denial of the right to vote to Negroes in the South the entire Southern elec-

torate would be greatly increased and all progressive forces strengthened. If from Southern areas of Negro majority the present poll-tax Congressmen were replaced with direct representatives of the Negro people, the democratic and representative character of Congress would be markedly improved. There would also be a better chance to get improved social security legislation, price and rent controls, more federal aid to education, a federal housing program, greater aid for the unemployed and the aged, far more equitable tax laws, the elimination of Jim Crow laws and practices of segregation and discrimination, and a restoration and extension of civil liberties and civil rights.

The Negro people must have their freedom because it is their right. They should have it because all America has a stake in it, stands to gain by it.

VI. THE COMMUNIST PROGRAM FOR JOBS, PEACE, EQUAL RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY

The American Communists propose for our nation a five-point program of Human Welfare,

I. Raise the Purchasing Power of the People and Curb the Power and Profits of the Trusts!

- To combat depression we urge the defeat of all wage-cut attempts and a militant struggle by labor to raise wages on all levels, to shorten the



work-week without a reduction in weekly earnings, and to curb speed-up. We oppose the Eisenhower policy of tax relief for the rich. We demand a drastic revision of this policy and a shift of the tax burden to the monopolists. We oppose the Administration's "give away" of our nation's natural resources and publicly financed utilities and industrial plants to the monopolists. We advocate the lowering of consumer prices, and an end to rent gouging.

- An anti-depression program requires government protection of home owners, small farmers and small business from mortgage foreclosures and bankruptcy. It requires a government guarantee of 100 per cent price parity and crop insurance for small and middle-sized farmers, and government loans and credit at low interest rates to small business and needy farmers.

- To end the economic backwardness of the South and to raise the purchasing power of the people of that region, the government should institute agricultural reform measures aimed at helping the sharecroppers and tenant farmers, Negro and white, to become independent producers who own the soil they till. The wage differentials between North and South and between men and women workers should be ended and equal pay for equal work guaranteed to all, regardless of race, nationality, religion, sex, age or political belief.

2. Spend for Human Welfare, not Warfare; for Homes and Schools, not Bombs and Battleships!

The government has the responsibility to guarantee jobs and living standards. The giant plants which have been erected for the production of planes, tanks, atom and hydrogen bombs for war, need not be shut down. They can be converted to peacetime uses. For example, the giant war-time aircraft plants can be converted into huge factories for producing pre-fabricated homes on an assembly line basis. A government-supported program of this kind can produce a minimum of 1,500,000

additional modern private dwellings a year. This would help wipe out the rat-infested fire-traps in which so many of our people live and die. The government which built these giant war producing plants with the people's money must guarantee their continued operation, but for peaceful purposes. If private industry cannot or will not do so, the government can and must!

- We propose a substantial increase in unemployment and old-age benefits, including the payment of unemployment insurance to new job seekers. We advocate special measures to keep our youth from becoming a jobless generation and to guarantee all our youth free and equal educational opportunities. We urge the labor movement to carry on a struggle against the mass ousting of women from industry and a program to protect women's economic rights. We call for a federal health program, and a large-scale federal program of public school construction, flood and drought control, conservation, power dam development and rural road building.

3. End the "Cold War" and Promote Friendship and Trade!

There can be no hope for a lasting peace and world disarmament without accepting the principle of peaceful co-existence between the capitalist U.S.A. and the socialist Soviet Union and People's China. This is necessary whether one agrees or disagrees with Socialism, whether one likes or dislikes these countries.

Peaceful co-existence does not preclude, but includes, a peaceful competition between the different social systems. It does exclude, however, a



settlement by force of arms of the question as to which social system is superior.

To ease world tension and to restore the United Nations as an instrument for lasting peace we propose:

- A return to President Roosevelt's policy of big power negotiation and agreement. This must include the admission of People's China, the established and effective government of the great Chinese nation, to the U.N. and its recognition by the U.S.

- An end to the arms race and to the policy of encircling the globe with U.S. military bases. What is needed is a world ban on the use of all atomic weapons and an agreement for a drastic reduction in all types of armaments. We oppose the militarization of our youth and Universal Military Training.

- The widest promotion of peaceful world trade. Our country, in its own interests, must take advantage of the immense markets for American goods available in the Soviet Union, China and Eastern Europe. These markets can provide millions of jobs for American workmen for years to come. We favor the extension of credit to bolster world trade and to help overcome the hunger and under-development of the colonial lands. The colonial and semi-colonial countries need machine tools, agricultural implements and farm products. But they rightfully reject fraudulent "Point 4" programs which aim at robbing them of their national independence, natural resources, and keeping them as backward hinterlands.

- An end to the policy of remilitarized West Germany and Japan. The lessons of World War II prove that a remilitarized Germany is a threat to world peace and to the security of the U.S. We stand for a united, democratic and peaceful Germany.

- No intervention in the internal affairs of other nations and the recognition of the right of all nations to govern themselves. This means an end to the Dulles policy of instigating civil wars in other countries and of aiding the oppressors of the colonial peoples of Indo-China and of all Africa

and Asia. This also means freedom and independence to the peoples enslaved in America's colonial empire and its military bases scattered throughout the world. We support the struggle of the Guatemalan people for the restoration of their national independence and democratic liberties and for an end to the illegal rule of the Wall Street-United Fruit Company puppet dictatorship. We favor full and unconditional independence for Puerto Rico; full equality and democratic rights for Hawaii; and complete political and economic freedom for the Philippines. We support the struggles for national independence of the peoples of the Arab states and of Israel, and the cause of Arab-Jewish harmony in the fight for peace and national freedom. The right of all nations to restrict and control all foreign investments on their territories should be recognized and respected. We favor a policy of the good neighbor to the Latin American lands and to all nations.

4. Defend and Strengthen Democracy!

We call for the defense of the Constitution and its Bill of Rights, for an end to the "dictatorship of fear," and for a turning back of the evil tide of McCarthyism. This requires the defense of the constitutional rights of all, including the Communists. To deny the Communists their constitutional rights is the first step to denying these rights for all Americans. This is the lesson of Nazi Germany. It is the lesson of the witch-hunt in this country. Labor leaders and former New Dealers are learning that they cannot obtain immunity from the witch-hunters by crawling on their knees and Red-baiting. In the words of Benjamin Franklin, "They that can give up essential liberty to obtain a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety."

• We urge an end to the witch-hunting, the abolition of all Congressional witch-hunt committees, and the prosecution of their perjured informers, and a halt to the Gestapo-like political activities of the F.B.I. Political arrests and deportations must cease. Amnesty must be granted to Eugene Dennis, Benjamin J. Davis, Gus Hall, and

the other Communist leaders and victims of McCarthyism. The attempts to outlaw the Communist Party and to deprive Communists of their citizenship rights must be defeated. The Smith Act, McCarran Act, and the McCarran-Walter Act should be repealed.

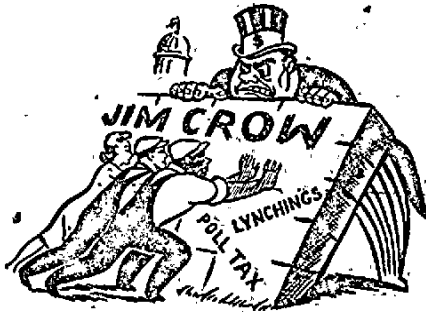
- Labor's right to organize and strike must be protected and all anti-labor legislation such as the infamous Taft-Hartley Act must be repealed and defeated. Strike-breaking by court injunctions or government decrees should be stopped.

- End discrimination against all minority groups. Outlaw anti-Semitism and wipe out all discrimination against Mexican-Americans, Puerto Ricans and American Indians.

- Academic freedom and freedom of inquiry should be restored for America's youth. Young people should be given the right to vote at 18. The time has come to end bookburning and "know-nothingism," to put a stop to the cult of violence in our movies, TV and literature, and to promote culture for peace and democracy.

5. *Win Equal Rights for the Negro People! For Full Economic, Political and Social Equality!*

All progressive forces should give full support to the valiant fight of the Negro people for their rights. This is necessary because the fight for Negro freedom, for the rights of all the Negro people is an integral part of the fight for democracy, for



peace, for the rights and living standards of labor and all the people.

- We urge prompt federal action to wipe out every form of discrimination in employment and job opportunities for Negro workers in Government service and industry. This can help end the practice of hiring Negro workers last and firing them first, of denying them opportunities for advancement as skilled workers, or of employment as white-collar workers or professionals. A federal FEPC, strictly enforced, can help prevent the corporations from pitting one group of workers against another and from reducing wage standards for all workers.

- We further urge federal legislation to outlaw poll-taxes and all restrictions on registration, voting and election activity which operate to disfranchise the Negro citizens in the South.

- We urge federal civil rights legislation and executive and administrative orders to outlaw lynching, segregation and Jim Crow. We urge an immediate end to segregation in the educational system, health and hospitalization services, in transportation and housing, in meeting houses and public parks in the South and throughout the land.

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We call upon wage workers, working farmers, the Negro people, small business and professional people, upon the women and the youth, to join hands in a common fight against the ravages of economic depression, against the menace of McCarthyism—for jobs, peace, equal rights and democracy. We urge support for the anti-depression demands of the A.F. of L. and C.I.O., for the progressive farm demands of the National Farmers' Union, for the democratic demands of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, for every proposal, every action, which can help save our people from threatening economic ruin, fascism, and war.

VII. WHAT HAS TO BE DONE— THE ROAD AHEAD

This Program for Jobs, Peace, Equal Rights and Democracy is a program for America. It can be realized. It corresponds to the needs of the people under circumstances in which their liberties and living standards are in imminent danger of complete destruction and in which they are not yet prepared to accept Socialism as the way out.

The program outlined here cannot do away with the planlessness and recurring economic crises of capitalism. Only Socialism can do that. This Program can help, however, to delay the outbreak of an economic depression and to cushion its blow upon the people. It can save America from the clear and present danger of McCarthyism—can block war and fascism, save U.S. living standards, and maintain democracy.

No one group in America can achieve these things. The unity of all democratic and peace-loving forces is needed—unity on one issue, or a score of issues—unity irrespective of ideological and political differences on other questions and on longer range goals.

If democratic unity is to be welded, and in time, the decisive responsibility rests upon the working class. Organized labor must become the propelling force of a broad popular movement based upon the joint and parallel action of the working class, the working farmers, the Negro people and small and middle-sized business. Such a movement must also include the nation's professionals and intellectuals; its women, youth and nationality groups. This movement, if it is to become fully effective, must include the Left and the Communists who have a vital and indispensable contribution to make.

Labor does not play a leading role today. It does not give a clear and firm lead because, due to the influence of Social Democracy, it is unclear and divided itself, because its own ranks are infected with Red-baiting and the "cold war," because its top leaders still pursue the wishes of Big Business politicians.

The responsibility for this rests on the official leadership of the major trade union centers, the A.F. of L., C.I.O., Railroad Brotherhoods and Mine Workers. By their support of Wall Street's foreign policy and the anti-Communist drive they have misled the workers. The gap between the policies of the labor leaders and the interests and demands of the workers has constantly widened.

The labor movement must change its course if it is to save itself and help save the nation. It should achieve ever greater united labor action leading toward eventual organic unity. It should practice the slogan, "an injury to one is an injury to all." This should govern the relationship of one section of labor to another, and of the labor movement to the farmers, the Negro people, the professionals, intellectuals, and small business people. This can be achieved only by an alert and active rank and file.

If the dangerous trend toward fascism and war is to be checked and reversed, there must take place a great increase in the mass struggles of the American people for a change in governmental policy, both foreign and domestic. Great popular movements must be built for peace, for democratic liberties, for equal rights, and in defense of the living standards of the people. Every attack upon the peace, liberty, or well being of the people must be met in the shops, communities and people's organizations by increasingly united and ever more militant action.

There are signs of a new awakening in our land. Larger sections of the workers and of the people generally are beginning to speak up for peace and for a program of peacetime jobs. A powerful anti-McCarthy grass-roots movement is developing. The opposition to the Eisenhower Administration is growing. The bitter fruits of the war drive are bound further to dispel many illusions. The people are compelled to enter more energetically and consciously into the struggle to defend their living standards, their democratic liberties, and their peace. The collision between the people and the foreign and domestic policies of McCarthyism must grow in volume and intensity.

Important sections of the labor movement are beginning to speak up for peace, to struggle actively against McCarthyism and are becoming increasingly conscious of the life-and-death need for labor unity. Some of these are also beginning to point in the direction of increased independent political action, are beginning to think in terms of forming a great political alliance under labor's leadership.

In addition to the popular movements against McCarthyism, certain groups of capital reflecting rifts and differences within the ranks of the ruling class are opposing—even though inconsistently and unreliably—the McCarthy program of fascism and war. Such opposition is bound to grow and play an increasing role in the period ahead.

The immediate objective in 1954 must be to prevent the Eisenhower Administration and Congress from taking the country further down the road of McCarthyism. Defeating McCarthyism requires turning the present Administration out of political power, first by changing the composition of Congress in 1954, and then by electing a new Administration in 1956. This requires a new political majority so strong that it not only changes Administrations but imposes on a new Congress and a new Administration a new course in domestic and foreign affairs.

The answer to our present national plight is not a switch-back to another Truman-type Administration. The Truman Administration, by departing from Roosevelt's foreign and domestic policies, paved the way for the Republicans to grab political power, for McCarthyism to ride roughshod over the nation, and for the Wall Street war mongers to saturate the capitalist world with militarism. What is needed is a new Administration which starts to build again where the New Deal left off.

Only the prospect of such a new Administration can inspire and rally the many millions of independent voters in the ranks of labor, the Negro people, the farmers, and the city middle classes, who when acting together, constitute a new political majority.

To unite a new political majority for 1954 and 1956 requires recognition that the two-party system is still the form through which the overwhelming majority of the American people now express themselves in politics. Except in special local and state situations, there is no immediate prospect that decisively large masses will break away from the existing two-party structure. Under these circumstances the decisive sections of organized labor, without which a mass third party is impossible, are first attempting to fight out the issues within the ranks of the Democratic Party.

The key to both the crucial 1954 and 1956 elections lies in the ability of organized labor to come forward as a distinct political force even within the framework of the present two-party system. Labor must come forward with its own clear-cut progressive program for the nation, its own ties and alliances with other independent electoral forces, and its own highly organized and efficient election machinery. Its objective must be to help bring about a regrouping and realignment within the Democratic Party nationally and within the Republican Party in local areas.

The liberal and independent voters cannot create a new majority and defeat McCarthyism by giving the political bosses a blank check, for McCarthyism exists in both major parties and must be fought in each. They must, therefore, exert every effort to make their *independent* weight felt in the determination of program and the selection of candidates, including, where necessary, the running of independent candidates. Organizations such as the Progressive Party and the American Labor Party, by pursuing correct unity policies and running candidates where necessary, can help clarify the issues and greatly strengthen the common struggle against McCarthyism.

The 1954 elections are crucial in determining the path America will take. McCarthy already has thrown down the gauntlet to the American people. What is needed is unity of every decent, honest force of our people, of all independent-minded voters regardless of Party affiliation. Such unity must set itself the objective of electing an anti-

McCarthy Congress by defeating every McCarthy-McCarran-Dixiecrat type of candidate, every pro-fascist and rabid war monger. It is also necessary to bring into the halls of Congress a bloc of articulate and uncompromising opponents of McCarthyism, of courageous spokesmen for a further relaxation of world tension and for the defense of the people from the ravages of economic depression. Labor, now with negligible forces in Congress, must fight for a forceful labor bloc. Negro representation must also be strengthened by electing a larger number of Negro candidates. This will facilitate the election of a new Administration in 1956.

Only in the course of sustained struggle along these lines will the American people free themselves from the political shackles of the two-party system of the monopolies. The perspective of a mass third party of the people led by labor will then materialize. Labor will find that the many important battles it must wage within the Democratic Party, decisive as they may be in checking the immediate danger of McCarthyism, will not transform that Party into a farmer-labor party. Labor must set its sights in the direction of a great party of its own, a party without Wall Street financiers, corrupt underworld racketeers, or Southern Dixiecrats—in short, a true united front party of labor and the common man.

As the American people succeed in electing a new Administration and blocking the immediate menace of fascism and war, a new stage of the struggle will begin to unfold. It is then that the perspective of subsequently electing a new type of government, a farmer-labor government, will begin to arise in our country. Such a people's government, based on a farmer-labor party, will represent a militant advance of the great majority. It will be a government in which the working class plays a leading role, serving the interests of the common people, and directed at curbing the economic and political power of the trusts. It will be a government which helps maintain world peace, preserves and extends democratic liberties, and substantially improves the economic conditions of the working class and the people. Such a government will act

to secure to the Negro people full and equal representation on all levels of government, and majority rule in those sizable areas of the South where they are, and have been for generations, the majority sector of the population.

VIII. COMMUNIST AIMS AND PERSPECTIVES



The Communist Party is the party of the American working class. It has a proud history of struggle for the welfare of the workers of our land. It was the Communist Party which during the past three decades pioneered in the struggle for jobs, unemployment insurance, for organizing the unorganized, for Negro rights, and against war and fascism. The attacks upon the Communist Party today arise because it represents the interests of the working people, and therefore the interests of the nation, in the struggle against the menace of depression, fascism and war.

The Communist Party, basing itself on the scientific principles of Marxism-Leninism, believes in Socialism as the ultimate solution for the problems of our nation. Modern industrial production under capitalism is a vast social process, but it is operated for the private enrichment of the few who own and not for the good of the many who produce. It is this contradiction that Socialism will resolve because in a Socialist society, the industries will be the property of the whole people, and the product of industry will go to the whole people in the form of continually rising living standards. Socialism alone would utilize to the fullest the immense scientific and technical know-how of the American people, including atomic energy. It would forever end the scourge of economic crisis, unemployment, national and racial oppression, fascism and war.

It would build a land of peace and plenty, of knowledge and culture, of freedom and opportunity for all.

At the same time, the Communist Party emphasizes that the issue at the present time is not Socialism or Communism. The choice before our people today is peace, security, democracy versus the grip which the monopolists have on the country and their plans of fascism and war.

But while the issue today is not Communism, the true nature of the Communist Party and the role which it plays in American life is very much an issue. The American people must know the truth about this issue lest the monstrous deception now practiced on them lead to the loss of the democracy and freedom they prize so dearly.

What is the truth about the Communist Party?

The Communist Party advocates a peaceful path to Socialism in the U.S. It brands as a lie the charge that it advocates the use of force and violence in the pursuit of any of its immediate or long-range goals. It is the monopolists who advocate and practice force and violence to perpetuate their rule and to prevent social changes desired by the majority. The Communist Party declares that Socialism will come into existence in the United States only when the majority of the American people decide to establish it. The Communist Party affirms its deep and abiding faith in the American people and their ultimate decision to establish Socialism. The needs of our nation cannot be served by any sect or conspiracy. For no progress, whether of a minimum or of a more far-reaching nature, can come other than through the will and action of a majority of the American people.

The Communist Party has no blueprint for the path to Socialism in the U.S. The American people will move along the path to Socialism as inevitably as other peoples and nations have done because ultimately there is no other solution to their problems. But they will do so in a form and manner which will be determined by the history, the traditions and the specific needs of the American people. No social system can be imported from abroad. Nor do we propose to do so.

Basing itself on these fundamental propositions, the path to Socialism in the United States which is advocated by the Communist Party envisions: the unity of the majority of the people to block the present imminent threat of McCarthyism, thereby upholding and defending the Constitution and the Bill of Rights; and then, the forward march of that majority toward a strengthening of democracy, the defeat of increasingly fascist reaction, and the election of a new type of government, a farmer-labor, anti-monopoly government. The election of such a government would represent an historic advance for the American people. Such a government, resting upon the will of the overwhelming majority of the people, would be called upon to take the most resolute measures to defend itself from the efforts of the monopolists to overthrow it. The victory of the people and their government in this struggle would then open up the possibility for a peaceful advance of the American people to Socialism.

The Communist Party of the United States has its roots deep in the history and struggles of the American people and its labor movement. It is the inheritor and continuer of the best in American democratic, radical and working class thought and traditions. Its devotion to the true national interests of the American people is the source of its deep and abiding patriotism. That patriotism has been sealed in the blood of hundreds of members of the Communist Party who have died in defense of our country and our people.

American Communists believe in the defense of their country, and the people and territory of their country. We deny that the Soviet Union, People's China, or any country led and ruled by working people threatens our country, or could threaten our country. On the contrary, it is our own government which is organizing "police actions," wars of aggression, and wars of intervention in the affairs of people-fighting to shape their own way of life.

The false and despicable charge that Communists are "agents of a foreign power," or "spies," emanates from the monopolists who want, thereby,

to cover up their own betrayal of the true national interests of the American people. It is the monopolists who pursue objectives alien to our national interests. Not what is good for our country, but what is good for General Motors determines the loyalty of the monopolists.

The Communist Party declares that it seeks no conflict with any church or any American's religious belief. On the contrary, we stretch out our hand in the fellowship of common struggle for our mutual goal of peace, democracy and security to all, regardless of religious belief. We stand on the fundamental principle of the Constitution which guarantees religious freedom by separating church and state.

The Communist Party considers the emergence of a powerful trade union movement during these past two decades as the most important and positive development in our national life. We are proud to have helped build it and to be a part of it. As a working-class political party, we strive to influence the policies of the labor movement in a progressive direction and we deem it our right and duty to speak out against policies which we believe are harmful to labor and the nation. But we deny any intent to dominate or control the trade union movement and we recognize and respect its organizational autonomy and political independence.

We proclaim our fraternity with all peoples who have pioneered the new frontiers of human history toward Socialism—with the heroic, trailblazing people and government of the Soviet Union, the grandeur of whose achievements inspire all toiling humanity, with the great revolutionary masses of China and with those other peoples of Europe and Asia who have since taken the path to Socialism. We greet the peoples of the colonial areas and dependent countries who are struggling to achieve their independence and national development. We affirm the good will and solidarity of our people with all those who stand for peace and progress. We seek to realize Abraham Lincoln's saying: "The strongest bond of human sympathy, outside of the family relation, should be one uniting all

working people, of all nations, and tongues and kindreds."

We are ready to work with all Americans, no matter what our past relations or present differences may be, to block war and fascism, to save U.S. living standards, to restore free exchange of ideas and debate on the great issues facing the nation. We propose a coming together of all progressive and democratic forces to consult with each other and to make such consultation and working together a habit. The grave problems of our nation cannot be solved otherwise.

We call upon all progressive and democratic forces to re-appraise their policies and activities in light of the nation's crisis. The American Communists pledge to do the same.

In full confidence that the objectives of this Program can be realized, we call upon all members and friends, upon all anti-fascists, to spare no effort to realize this program of jobs, peace, equal rights, and democracy for America.

Amnesty and Your Democratic Rights

You have just read this program. Your right to read it is based on the Constitutional right of the Communist Party to hold the views expressed in this program and to advance its proposals for meeting the critical problems confronting the American people today. Your right to discuss this program with your friends is based on the right of the publishers to publish it. The freedoms of all Americans are tied together.

From your own experience you know that the jailing of Communist leaders has strengthened McCarthyism while it has undermined your liberties. You can help restore the Bill of Rights to its honored place and defeat efforts to outlaw the Communist Party by writing to President Dwight D. Eisenhower urging him to grant Amnesty to Eugene Dennis, Benjamin J. Davis, Gus Hall and all the Communist leaders and other political prisoners. Maintain your right to petition your Government by exercising that right. Don't delay! Write that Amnesty letter today!

A vital message to all Americans

The enactment into law of the Communist Control Act of 1954, which outlaws the Communist Party as a political party, and further shackles the American trade unions, is a major triumph for McCarthyism, that arch-enemy of our democratic freedoms.

The law represents the most extreme step ever taken against political and democratic liberties in the history of our country. It is a sharp break with the Constitution and the theory of government on which it is based. It is a long step toward a police state.

By depriving the Communist Party of its political rights, this law is clearly a bill of attainder—that is, a legislative decree making a "finding" of "guilt" without evidence or due process. It is a thought-control device aimed to persecute a group of Americans against whom there is not the slightest evidence of any of the overt acts slanderously decreed by hysterical legislators doing the bidding of McCarthyism.

A malignant feature of the law—carefully combined with the anti-Communist clauses to conceal its true purpose—is that it contains the Butler Bill, which under pretext of "Communist infiltration" or "domination" undertakes to establish a system of Government licensing of American trade unions in accord with their opinions and programs. It sets up what the entire labor movement had been opposing in this 83rd Congress—a system of "trials" and "tests" for unions on which depend their right to collective bargaining before the National Labor Relations Board. This move is a stab at the vitals of the trade unions under cover of the McCarthyite witchhunt for "subversives."

The law's entire basis rests on arbitrary definitions of a set of political opinions as constituting a crime punishable by heavy jail terms. The law demands that Americans shall "register" themselves as guilty of these thought-control crimes—or face jail and fines. The entire legal system contains built-in guilty verdicts by the law's own definitions. The guilt is assumed in advance.

It was railroaded with frenzied haste

The law's notorious "14 points"—concerning talking, writing, or association, are taken from the New Deal-hater Representative Martin Dies who got it from the Mussolini-admirer, Judge Musmanno of Pennsylvania. These "14 points" are a political dagger capable of emulating any American or group on the basis of dissent from any prevailing dogma or orthodoxy. No American can feel safe in his opinions as long as this law stays on the statute books.

Not only is this anti-Communist, anti-union legislation in itself fascist in character, but so also was the frenzied haste with which it was railroaded through Congress. Without hearings, reports or adequate debate, this barbaric measure

was dynamited through in an atmosphere of ideological terrorism, as Hitler was wont to do. In the words of the Republican Herald Tribune: "If the Senate and the House had gone collectively mad in those last days of the session they could hardly have acted more wildly than they have in regard to the Communist issue."

The New York Times similarly

Communist were being attacked and that they and their unions were safe. But when Hitler came to power, his Nazis, with one sudden blow, completely demolished the entire Social-Democratic organization.

It was not by accident that the Congress which stampeded through the passage of the outlaw-the-Communists law is the same Congress which gave

intensifying the Big Lie and the cold war as far as they can.

They are taking 40 billion dollars every year from the country's pockets to finance this cold war with its policies of provocation, military "aid" and which contain the danger of an H-bomb world war.

The peoples of the world see in this anti-Communist law a copy of the laws of Hitler and Mussolini, and wonder where the USA is going, and where it wants to take the rest of mankind.

Emphatically no, despite the disaster of the present anti-Communist and anti-labor monstrosity.

The needs of the people can break through the hysteria. The honor of America and its devotion to its democratic heritage are not gone down the drain of McCarthyism. The national will to peace is bound to assert itself in a demand for an end to McCarthyism.

Fool's tactic paves road for McCarthy

If the Humphreys in Congress—with their frantic appeasement of McCarthyism and their cry for more guns and more pro-war provocations—think to "play ball" with reaction, this is not the feeling of the millions of workers, small farmers and Negro masses who follow the lead of the Democratic Party because they still believe in it. The line of the Humphreys would spell big gains for the Republicans and McCarthyism in the coming elections—this line permits the worst reactionaries to pose as anti-war and "middle-of-the-road."

The will of these millions of American voters—who kept the New Deal in office, who won trade union rights, and who now want an America free of war and repression—is yet to be heard from. They must and will be heard from now and in November.

The Communist Party's program on this point is in agreement with the thoughts of millions:

"The immediate objective in 1954 must be to prevent the Eisenhower administration and Congress from taking the country further down the road of McCarthyism. Defeating McCarthyism requires the turning of the present Administration out of political power, first by changing the composition of Congress in 1954 and then by electing a new Administration in 1956."

The people can halt march to disaster

We are confident that if labor, the working farmers and the Negro people use their democratic strength, they can change the character of Congress by retiring the McCarthyite-McCarranite-Diehard cabal and electing men and women who will have the courage to defend the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

The 15,000,000 trade unionists, together with the Negro people and the working farmers, if united, could quickly wipe out the peril of McCarthyism in the United States.

We urge all Americans who stand by the Constitution to unite in a common effort to invalidate and repeal this monstrosity.

We Communists shall continue our fight for peace, democracy, the people's well-being, for the rights of labor and the Negro people. Despite this new attack our Party stands unflinching. It walks in the great tradition of American movements like the abolitionists and the pioneer trade unionists who survived organized persecution and government efforts to legalize them. The Communist Party will function under any and all circumstances and fight for its legal existence. In so doing it is fighting not for its own rights alone, but for the Bill of Rights for all Americans.

This is the text of a statement issued by the Communist Party after recent enactment of the law intended to outlaw the party and establish government licensing for trade unions.

arly condemned the panic action as a "stampede" which is "contrary to the spirit of orderly government."

How did this law arise? It is impossible for the Congress or the White House to claim that there is a popular clamor in the country for a march down the path taken by the Nazis in their "anti-Communist" destruction of democracy and their drive to aggressive "anti-Communist" war.

'Big Lie' menaces the Bill of Rights

This fascist-modelled legislation is the fruit of the Eisenhower-Brownell policies, based on the appeasement of McCarthyism and collusion with it. These Eisenhower-Brownell policies to curb democratic liberties have already seriously undermined the Constitution and its democratic protections.

For the Eisenhower-Brownell doctrines are based on a decree of "guilt" and jailing of Americans who cannot be proved guilty of anything but the holding of social views not to the liking of the government.

The adoption of the Big Lie of McCarthyism opens the door to the systematic destruction of the Constitution, due process and the liberties inherent in the 180-year heritage of the Bill of Rights.

Most disgraceful of all was the part played by the so-called "liberal" democrats in the Senate who sparked the outlaw-the-Communists amendment. They engaged in a vain effort to prove to the McCarthyite fascists that they too are "loyal" and thus do not deserve the brutal attacks of the McCarthyites. Senators like Hubert Humphrey (D-Minn.) played fast and loose with the fate of the nation's democratic liberties. They have in fact fastened a noose with which the McCarthyites will surely try to strangle them along with the Bill of Rights.

The thrust is aimed at organized labor

Leaders of the trade unions who may have figured in this crude maneuver must realize that the ultra-reactionary legislation of the 83rd Congress is especially aimed to weaken the trade union movement, even more dangerously than the notorious Taft-Hartley Law has done. It is the height of folly for labor leaders to believe that such vicious legislation does not concern organized labor. This was the fatal illusion of the Social Democratic trade union leaders of Germany in the face of rising Hitlerism. They thought that, only the

more to the giant Wall Street trusts and less to the people than almost any Congress of the past 50 years.

What this Congress did to the people

This Congress and the White House shocked the country with its "give-away" policies favoring the corporations and the looters of the national wealth.

"Saving the country from Communism," the Congress turned fifty billion dollars worth of offshore oil deposits over to the oil trust; struck a blow at clean power through ordering TVA to buy private power; opened the door to the plundering of the government's atomic power developments.

"Saving the country from Communism," the Congress spurned Taft-Hartley revision, smashed down the Federal Aid to the American farmer, wrecked even the meager Federal low-cost housing program, refused to grant the country the Federal health system it needs.

"Saving the country from Communism," it gave a bonanza in tax "give-away" to owners of Wall Street stocks while refusing to give any genuine tax relief to the masses of wage earners, farmers and small business men.

"Saving the country from Communism," the 83rd Congress showed a greater contempt for civil rights issues than any in the past. The GOP promise to eliminate the poll tax, lynching, and Jim Crow discrimination in industry, was discarded amid the noisy racism of the McCarthyite attacks.

The world is shocked by this performance

All that the people got from this super-reactionary "anti-Communist" Congress was an extension of the inadequate social security system, and a 5 percent pay raise for postal workers—which President Eisenhower promptly vetoed, though the cost to the government would not have been more than one and a half day's spending in the "defense" program for guns.

This anti-Communist law is a heavy blow to the honor and prestige of our nation in the eyes of the world.

The world is marching to peaceful negotiations and co-existence with the Socialist countries in exact contrast to the McCarthyite hysteria in the United States.

While the Big Lie about the "Communist menace" is being discarded, along with the cold war, in West Europe and Asia, the political leaders here are

The law is based on the Hitlerite Big Lie that the Communist Party teaches and advocates the violent overthrow of the United States government. This is completely false. The Communist Party in its 35 years of existence has never advocated, nor does it advocate today, the overthrow of our government by force and violence. The official Program of the Communist Party states unequivocally:

"The Communist Party advocates a peaceful path to socialism in the United States. It brands as a lie the charge that it advocates the use of force and violence in the pursuit of its immediate or long-range goals. It declares that Socialism will come into existence in the United States only when the majority of the American people decide to establish it."

How Communists make their policy

This is the position of the Communist Party. All the lying testimony of the army of stoop-pigeons and informers in the numerous Smith Act trials had been unable to provide evidence of a single act of violence on the part of Communists or of any plan for the violent overthrow of our government.

The slander of "conspiracy" aimed against the Communist Party ignores the clear truth that the Communist Party bases its opinions and acts on real social conditions, on the real needs of the people and the nation as they develop objectively in the real world.

Thus it is impossible for any hysterical group of imitation-fascists to outlaw the ideas or the influence of the Communist Party. Communist Parties have been outlawed by anti-democratic dictatorships in many lands; today, Communist Parties stand at the head of the peoples movement of many nations because they represent the needs of their nations and the will of the majority.

This unjust law can be nullified

The Communist Party challenges the right of Congress to ban any political ideas or movement, or to rob the American people of the right to make their own political and social decisions in the market-place of ideas. It will carry this fight to the courts, and to the people.

The widespread condemnation of the measure by newspapers, lawyers, historians, trade unionists and persons from all walks of life gives us confidence that this fascist law will be nullified, even as were the Alien and Sedition Acts 155 years ago.

Is the battle lost to the McCarthyites?

Is America doomed to take the fatal path to totalitarianism and war?

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PEOPLE'S WORLD

Nation's press sees law as sinister mess

Newspapers throughout the nation, of all political shadings, have expressed their opposition on Constitutional or other grounds, to the "Communist control" bill signed into law this week by President Eisenhower.

Following are some of the editorial comments written before the bill was signed:

DETROIT

The News
If we are to refuse to outlaw the party, it had better be on the solidly respectable grounds of principle. On that ground it can be argued with persuasive force that the precedent to be set by outlawing any political party or group so denominating itself is un-American and possibly dangerous.

NEW YORK

The Post
In a more rational time the revised bill would be generally recognized as a monstrosity, which it is. . . A wretched repudiation of democratic principles.

BOSTON

The Herald
It may be that Senators Humphrey and Kennedy, in promoting the amendment to outlaw the Communist party, persuaded the voters that the Democratic party is not soft on communism, but they, with Sen. Morse, added no luster to their liberalism thereby.

LOUISVILLE, KY.

Courier-Journal
Buried in the outlaw bill is such confusion that only lawyers can really sort out its meaning, is a gesture of aimless malice toward "Communist-dominated labor unions." Both the AFL and CIO have taken strong and justifiable stands against earlier bills which sought to penalize unions on such grounds. . .

If the bill does, after all, become law, perhaps we may take heart from the fate of its notorious predecessors, the Allen Sedition Acts.

ST. LOUIS

The Post-Dispatch
Justice Warren warned that the U.S. must stand as champion of man's right to learn, to disagree and to dissent from majority opinion. This is a timely repetition of the ancient American principle of "freedom for the thought we hate." In that test, legislation which punishes ideas or associations instead of actions is dangerous to all.

MINNEAPOLIS

Star-Times
It is a strange political season indeed when "liberal" politicians who have heretofore vociferously denounced McCarthyism now attempt to cut-McCarthy McCarthy. For that is the essence of the Senate's ill-considered, pell-mell drive to "outlaw" the Communist party and party membership.

DES MOINES

The Register
The sheep-like way in which Congressmen have gone along with the move to outlaw the Communist party presents a discouraging sight of democracy in action. . . It would be a tactical mistake to outlaw the party—as well as rejection of American traditional and constitutional methods.

WASHINGTON

The Star
It remains a piece of hastily drawn, dubiously useful legislation, inspired more by political motives than by a desire to strike at the Communists. It is the kind of legislation that could be expected to emerge from such confusion, with election year overtones, as marked by its 11th hour consideration and passage.

SAN FRANCISCO

The Chronicle
In any condemnation of this act as a piece of shabby political flummery, both parties must bear the blame. The Democrats are clearly culpable for having brought up this bill as a clever device for embarrassing the opposition, but, then, they were under extreme provocation to disprove the Republican taunts of Communist-coddling and treason.

WALL STREET

Journal
We think President Eisenhower has no choice except to veto a bill with such a legislative history.

NEW YORK

The Times
Amidst all the confusion among House, Senate, Administration and public over the anti-Communist bill . . . two facts are outstandingly clear. One is that Congress has been giving just about the most vivid exhibition of how not to legislate that it has presented in years; and the other is that the forces of demagoguery on both sides of the aisle—and in the most unexpected quarters—have risen to overwhelm the judgment and courage that the American people have a right to expect from their legislators.

Blow by blow, what's in that new repressive law

Daily People's World Political Dept.

If the American people had any idea of what was in the omnibus repressive bill passed by Congress in its final week, they would have forced the President to veto it. But they can still find out—and exercise their own popular veto against this infamous law. What follows is a section by section summary of what is actually in this law.

Section 1

This introductory section says that the law shall be known as the "Communist Control Act of 1954" and defines as its purpose "to outlaw the Communist party, to prohibit members of Communist organizations from serving in certain representative capacities and for other purposes."

Section 2

This is a lengthy rhetorical statement asserting that "Congress hereby finds and declares that the Communist party of the United States, although purportedly a political party, is in fact an instrumentality of a conspiracy to overthrow the Government of the United States."

Section 3

This says "The Communist party of the United States, or any successors of such regardless of the assumed name . . . are not entitled to any of the rights, privileges, and immunities attendant upon legal bodies created under the jurisdiction of the laws of the United States."

Section 4

It declares that "whoever knowingly and willfully becomes or remains a member" of either the Communist party or any other organization allegedly having as its purpose the overthrow of the government "by the use of force or violence . . . shall be subject to all the provisions and penalties of the Internal Security Act of 1950 as amended as a member of a Communist action organization." This section is designed to require registration of Communist party members under the McCarran Act and to threaten them with penalties of 5 years in prison and \$10,000 fines.

Section 5

Here are listed the 14 rules which are supposed to guide courts and juries in determining whether a person is a Communist. They are supposed to consider whether a person:

1. "has been listed to his knowledge" in any list or document of the organization.
2. "has made financial contribution to the organization."
3. "has made himself subject to the discipline of the organization."
4. "has executed orders, plans or directives of any kind of the organization."
5. "has acted as an agent, courier, messenger, correspondent, organizer; or in any other capacity in behalf of the organization."
6. "has conferred with officers or other members . . . in behalf of any plan or enterprise of the organization."
7. "has been accepted . . . as an officer or member of the organization."
8. "has written, spoken, or in any other way communicated by signal, semaphore, sign or in any other form of communication, orders, directives or plans of the organization."
9. "has prepared documents, pamphlets, leaflets, books, or any other type of publication in behalf of the objectives . . . of the organization."
10. "has mailed, shipped, circulated, distributed, delivered



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. . . to others material or propaganda of any kind in behalf of the organization."

11. "has advised, counseled or . . . imparted suggestions . . . to officers or members of the organization . . ."

12. "has indicated . . . a willingness to carry out in any manner and to any degree the plans, designs, objectives, or purposes of the organization."

13. "has in any other way participated in the activities, planning, actions, objectives or purposes of the organization."

14. The above "shall not limit" the courts in considering "any other subject of evidence on membership and participation."

Amendments to the McCarran Act

The rest of the law is a series of amendments to the Subversive Activities Control (McCarran) Act of 1950 mainly directed to making it apply to the labor movement.

UNION OFFICE

The McCarran Act is amended to provide that no person found to be a Communist shall "hold office or employment with any labor organization" or shall "represent any employer" under the National Labor Relations Act.

PROSCRIBED UNIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS

The McCarran Act is amended to include a new category of "Communist-infiltrated organizations." This term is defined to mean any organization which

"A. is substantially directed, dominated or controlled by an individual or individuals" who



ATTY. GEN. BROWNELL
He got what he wanted . . .

have within the past three years been found to be members of or to have given "aid or support to a Communist-action organization, a Communist foreign government, or the world Communist movement."

"B. is knowingly serving" or within the past three years has served to give "aid or support to any such organization, government or movement." This section supposedly exempts unions affiliated with "a national, federation or other labor organization whose policies and activities have been directed to opposing Communist organizations."

PROCEDURES

The Attorney General can serve notice of a determination that one or more organizations are to be listed as "Communist-infiltrated" with the Subversive Activities Control Board and the affected organizations. Organizations have six months to file an answer. Any organization which fails to appear at a hearing on this determination shall be tried in its absence.

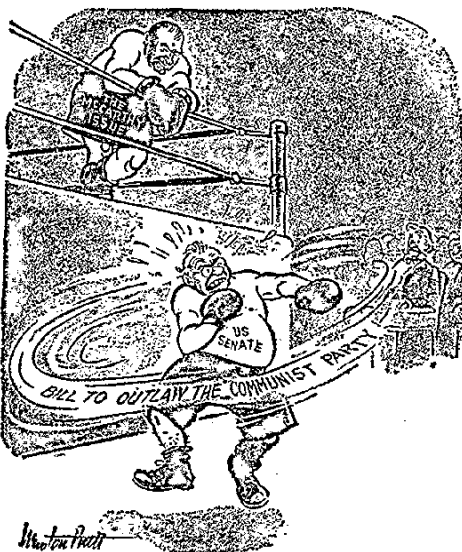
Courts in passing on the rulings of the Attorney General on "Communist-infiltrated organizations" are to be guided by these considerations as to whether the organization:

1. fits into the definition of "Communist-infiltrated organization" listed above.
2. whether its policies have been "formulated and carried out pursuant to the direction or advice of any member, agent, or representative of any such organization, government or movement."
3. whether "the personnel and resources" of the organization have been "used to further or promote the objectives of any such Communist organization."
4. whether it has given to or received from "any such Communist organization . . . any funds or other material assistance."
5. whether it has been "affiliated in any way with any such Communist organization."
6. whether any such affiliation of an organization or its members "is concealed from or is not disclosed to the members of such organizations."
7. whether the organizations "or any of its members or managers" have been engaged in any conduct punishable under the McCarran Act or "with intent to impair the military strength of the United States." This could apply to strikes or other union activity.

Bargaining rights

Unions found by the SAGE to be "Communist-infiltrated" shall be denied these rights:

1. To represent workers under the National Labor Relations Act.
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3. To bring charges before the National Labor Relations Board.
4. To enjoy any other privileges under the National Labor Relations Act.



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STATEMENT RE. THE JOHN McMANUS ARTICLE IN THE NATIONAL GUARDIAN ENTITLED
 "A CALL FOR INDEPENDENT POLITICAL ACTION". JANUARY 10, 1955

We feel that Mr. McManus in his article indicates a most pressing need for the American people to form a national independent political party on the ballot in 1956, while at the same time failing to point to any realizable means whereby such a results might be attained.

It is true that a third party on the ballot nationally, in '56 would be a tremendous weapon in the hands of the people against reaction and war, provided that such a party had at least the beginings of a mass base in labor, the workin farmers and the Negro People. Such a party cannot materialize and qualify for the ballot without such support, indicating this proposal is not a practical possibility at the present time. The election results have shown that the third party movement in the United States has not attained the support and base that is necessary to sustain such a party. The forces that would constitute a base of such a political party are not yet prepared to leave their present political moorings, mainly within the Democratic Party, to form themselves into a new political party of an anti-monopoly nature-- let alone a new political party with a socialist perspective.

The time will undoubtedly come when such a party will and must be formed; but we feel that it is utopian dreaming to believe that it can come from the thin air or that the mere announcement by progressive leaders as to the necessity for such a party will cause the necessary numbers of people to divorce themselves from their present limited political perspectives and align themselves to this movement. The one results that could happen, if the McManus proposal were adopted, would be the complete separation of progressives from all live contact with the masses of working people and isolate them into small tight groups with a "pure" program and not much else. Such a group would be utterly incapable of gaining ballot status in all but a handful of states--- particularly the Key Industrial states. Certainly the suggestion of ballot status as a political party under such auspices in California in 1956 is out of the question.

This does not mean however, that the need for independent political action locally in 1955 and nationally in 1956 is any less real and urgent. But political action must not and cannot be confined to the narrow limits that the McManus political perspectives set forth. Independent candidates should and must be brought forward in the coming election contests--- particularly where there is no choice between the old party candidates. Effective struggle must be made to get the best candidates chosen that offer the strongest opposition to reaction, and who will gain the full weight of labor, farmers, and the Negro people as their supporters. The great need is for broad coalitions to defeat the most reactionary, most rabid war-mongering candidates and to force commitments from the major candidates on questions of peaceful co-existence, civil liberties, civil rights and unemployment. Wherever necessary, independent candidates must be entered, to effectively raise these issues and force them into the political arena, and to work for the winning of mass support for a program of peace and democracy. There are numbers of ways this can be done around specific campaigns without attempting to form a premature political party.

When programs and perspectives like these become the property of the working people who number in the millions, they will be enforced upon candidates seeking election. Our perspectives must be to draw ever closer to the bulk of the working people, to go in step with them, explaining at every step what must be done in order to move forward in the struggle to defeat the deadly menace

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of fascism and a new world war that threatens our nation and all mankind.

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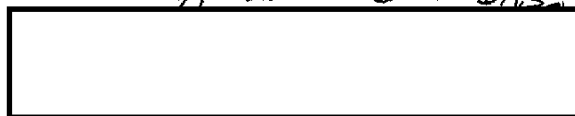
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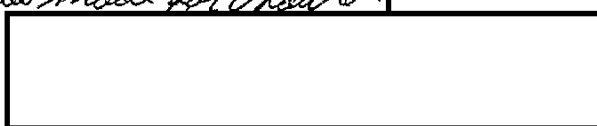
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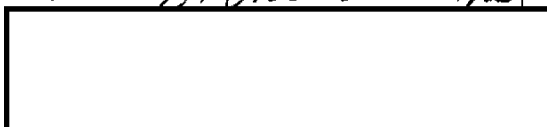
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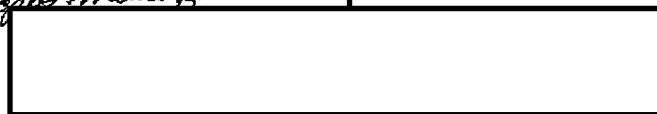
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GENEVA--A STEP TO PEACE

The Geneva meeting of the big four powers was a triumph for the principle of big power negotiations and peaceful co-existence. WHY WAS THIS MEETING A VICTORY FOR THE PEACE FORCES OF THE WORLD? It was a victory because full agreement was reached by the United States, France, England, and the Soviet Union to begin a series of negotiations on the great problems of the world that endanger peace. While none of these differences will be solved in a few days, it does mean that the GREAT NATIONS HAVE SET THEIR FEET TO THE PATH OF SEEKING OUT THEIR SOLUTIONS.

What does this VICTORY MEAN TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND TO THE PEOPLE OF THE WORLD WHO HAVE LIVED SO LONG UNDER THE FEAR OF WAR? It means that all peace-loving people can breathe easier because the Geneva meeting lessened world tension and opened the door wider to peaceful co-existence. The American people want to look forward to peace program, a program that means the building of more homes, schools, highways, hospitals, etc.

But such a program cannot become a reality if we, the American people, do not alert ourselves to the war-minded elements in our own country, the Knowlands, Mc Carthys, and Radfords, who seek to promote war. In the years and months to come the cold war advocates will work overtime to wreck agreement on the issues that endanger peace. Expressions of such resistance to agreement was found in the Geneva meeting by the continued insistence of the U.S. spokesman on the rearming of Germany, by their injection of such obviously trouble-making issues as "International Communism", and the degrading and derogatory characterization of Eastern Socialist governments.

But the American people CAN FIGHT BACK against this war-minded clique and their efforts to promote war. This ability was demonstrated by the fact that the common peace desires of the millions here and abroad FINALLY FORCED THE HEADS OF THE governments to sit down to negotiations that will move the world along the road to peaceful co-existence. During the turmoil and chaos of the tragic Korea-war years, it was the peace desires of the people that helped bring the shooting war to an end. TODAY, it was the people's insistence that no proposals in Geneva be rejected outright, that no demands be made in a "take it or leave it" manner, and that talks continue in the spirit of give and take that MADE GENEVA THE SUCCESS THAT IT WAS.

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THE STRUGGLE FOR PEACE IS NOT YET WON. While Geneva was a great victory for the People's desires for peace, the peace hopes and dreams of the millions can still be shattered by the war-minded generals and politicians who are vigorously attempting to involve our country in a hot war with the Soviet Union and China under the pretext of a "preventative war"... The struggle for peace MUST BE CONTINUED AND WAGED IN THE FORUM OF PUBLIC OPINION AND POLITICAL ACTION IF THE PROMISE OF GENEVA IS TO BE FULFILLED.

WHAT CAN THE AMERICAN PEOPLE DO HERE IN OUR COUNTRY?

WE MUST:

- (1) contribute public support for the decisions of the Geneva Conference and for continued East-West negotiations.
- (2) Write letters to our Congressmen opposing UMT and all other steps for militarization of our own country as inconsistent with any program for peace and disarmament.
- (3) Support all steps for promoting cultural, sports, and trade relations between the United States and the Socialist countries.
- (4) Urge President Eisenhower to recognize China and admit her into the United Nations as a logical follow-up to Geneva.

The people of San Joaquin County can feel proud that their sentiments too helped make the Summit meeting possible. If we continue speaking and acting for peace even more vigorously, we can help make Geneva the opening of a bright new chapter for mankind.....

This statement issued by:

The Communist Party of San
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